

Union members call for Gadaffi cash inquiry

Libyan affair 'vicious lies' says Scargill

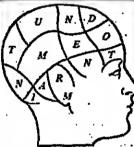
By Tim Jones, Peter Davenport and Richard Ford

vigorously denied yesterday that Libyan money was used to pay off national executive co-mortgages on his home probably on Friday. and that of the union's general secretary.

tailed denials of the allega-tions surrounding his hand-ing of the strike, some money from Colouel Gadaffi's regime was used to sustain the bitter year-long dispute - but admitted meeting Tripoli officials during the miners' strike in

Mr Scargill was responding to allegations in the Daily Margo that the NUM received £163,000 in strike support from Libya and denounced as vicious lies" a claim that he and Mr Peter Heathfield, the mion general secretary, used

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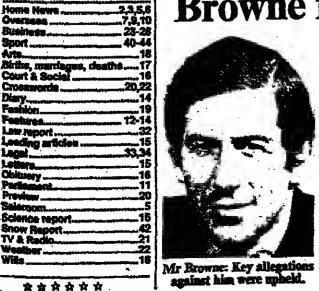
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affair, Mr Scargill said he would be making a report to a special meeting of the NUM national executive committee,

Despite his robust and de-

NUM statement Libvan meeting. Leading article.

members of his union were clearly not satisfied and demanded a full investigation into the affair.

Mr Kevin Barron, MP for spokesman on the coal industry and an ec-officio member of the NUM's executive committee, said: "The many thousands of striking miners and their families who suffered during, and for years after, the 1984-85 strike will want to know how all donations and loans were used and

under whose authority," He said that any investigation should examine how the accounts were set up and how hey were run.

Mr Barron added: "If there are any donations or loans which have not been paid back into the NUM's general fund and are still in separate bank accounts, then the account payees should give a full and detailled statement explaining why this situation

Labour MP for Pomypridd and a former NUM research officer. He said: "Mr Scargill NUM member by any inquiry

Mr Arthur Scargill, the money from Libya to pay be the man with the most president of the National personal debts. Amid growing information and he has got to Union of Mineworkers, calls for a full inquiry into the be ready to answer the

As Mr Scargill issued a statement answering and refuting, point by point, the allegations in the Daily Mirror, Mr Robert Maxwell, the spaper's publisher, challenged him to sue for libel if the story linking the miners' leader with Libyan cash was WYONG.

Mr Scargill said that the matter is in the hands of his

In his statement, the NUM president said that, to the knowledge of the national officials of the union, no monies were received from Rother Valley, Labour's Libya during or since the

> He declared: "If it is true that the former chief executive officer, Roger Windsor, did obtain monies from Libyan sources, then he lied about it at the time to the national officials. If it is not true, then he is lying about it now to the Daily Mirror."

No union money or money donated for union members for hardship purposes was used for the personal needs of the national officials, be said.

Mr Scargill said that only contact he or national officials had with any representatives claiming to be from Libya was when Mr Windsor had in-troduced "a man named Abbasi" at the 1984 Labour Party conference.

According to the Mirror, it was Mumtaz Abbasi, a Paki-The call for an inquiry was stani shopkeeper in Donbacked by Dr Kim Howells, caster, who set up the Libyan connection, and a meeting in Paris on October 8, 1984, at the headquarters of the Conmust be treated like any other fedération. Générale du Travail, the trade union umbrella





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which is set up. He is going to 'Sue if we are wrong' challenge by Maxwell



By Richard Evans

Mr Robert Maxwell, publisher of the Daily Mirror, last night challenged Mr Arthur Scargill to sue for libel if the newspaper's detailed story linking the miners' leader with Libyan cash was wrong.

He said it was the most significant national story printed by the Daily Mirror since he acquired it in July 1984. "It is a great story."

The lengthy denial issued by Mr Scargill yesterday in response to the newspaper's

We stand by the Daily Mirror story totally."

The newspaper publisher accepted that the revelations would upset what he described as the Bennite wing of the Labour Party but insisted that most Labour Party supporters were honest, de cent people who believed trade unions and their leaders should be as open and frank with their members as they should be with the public.

The detailed charges made ernment of the country and against the miners' leader if, like Mr Scargill, you have

allegations was "very con- were the result of a classic led the Guards division of the voluted", Mr Maxwell added. piece of investigative journal- trade union movement to ism and were in no way an unacceptable breach of Mr Scargill's privacy. "This is a story massively in the public interest and if it is in the

public interest you don't deserve privacy," he said. "If we are wrong we challenge him to sue us. You are entitled to privacy if you are an ordinary, straightforward person. But if like Mr Scargill you have tried to bring down an elected constitutional govdefeat, your conduct is a matter of public interest and

of the greatest importance." The inquiry into the Libyan connection began last October and has involved six journalists and a photographer who visited several countries to piece together the story. Mr Roy Greenslade, editor of the Daily Mirror since last month, last night paid tribute to his predecessor, Mr Richard Stott, who gave the go-ahead

Kohl stands firm on Poland £1.5bn to end dumping

By Our Foreign Staff

Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, last night face of domestic and international criticism, Herr Kohl two controversial new preconditions for guaranteeing meeting of the CDU practical transport of the control of the cont the present western border of

But despite strong backing from his Christian Democrats (CDU) his attitude has infuriated leaders of the Free Democrats, junior partners in the government coalition, and the CDU risks being deserted by them when the opposition Social Democrats force a de"criminally uegligent" in carrying out his duties as

Chancellor if he abandoned his latest claims.

ium to claim that he would be are still living in what is now western Poland.

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, last night threw his weight behind Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister.

He said Herr Genscher's Therefore, be said, recog- position in public was the nition of the present western same as his own: that Poland Polish border must "lie on the was entitled to the legal inbate on the issue in the table along with his demand strument of a treaty guar-Bundestag on Thursday. Far that Poland must promise not anteeing its frontier.

By Michael McCarthy, Environment Correspondent

to end the discharging of raw swimming off our beache sewage into the sea over the next decade, Mr Chris Patten, the Secretary of State for the Environment, said yesterday. The sea dumping of shadge

from treated sewage will also be stopped by 1998, at a cost of £180-£200 million. Mr Patten unveiled his ambitious measures in advance of the which opens in The Hague tomorrow.

Mr Patten said the £1.7 billion measures will add 6 per cent to water bills over the 10 brought forward. years it will take to implement

Britain will spend £1.5 billion them. "I don't think anybody going to regard that as being an excessive price to pay," he said. The water industry said, however, that the measures will cost a further £800 million.

The minister said the phasing-out of the incineration of waste at sea would be completed this year, four year Third North Sea Conference early. Publication of the UK action plan for meeting the improvement targets set at the Second North Sea Conference, held in 1987, would also be

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Browne faces four-week Commons suspension



By Philip Webster Chief Political Correspondent

Mr John Browne tomorrow faces a fourweek suspension from the Commons without pay for failing to declare business interests in the MPs' register. The penalty was proposed in a motion tabled last night by Sir Geoffrey Howe, Leader of the House, after talks with the opposition parties.

But amendments were expected to be tabled for tomorrow's full-day debate demanding a tougher sentence for the Conservative MP for Winchester. The select committee on members' interests, whose report resulted in the finding that Mr Browne had failed to declare interests, is being asked to tighten the rules governing declaration. Sir Geof-

frey's motion asks the committee to report first on "the definition of outside interests and the enforcement of obligations in relation to declarations of outside interests by Honourable Members" and secondly, on "the procedures whereby complaints may be brought before the select committee and whereby the select committee investigates such complaints".

Mr Browne, in line with precedent where the conduct of MPs has been subject to criticism from colleagues, is expected to make a statement at the start of the debate. But the punishment eventually decided upon will throw further doubt on his political future. Ministers had been hoping for an announcement from Mr Browne that he would not be standing again at the next against Mr Browne.

election. Tomorrow's vote is likely to be seen as a signal to his constituency association to drop him as their candidate.

The committee upheld two crucial allegations against Mr Browne involving a payment of more than \$88,000 (£55,000) from the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency and his "client" relationship with a firm of Lebanese middlemen controlled by Mr Charles Chidiac.

Senior Conservative MPs and the Government have not been pressing Mr Browne to resign for fear of a politically damaging by-election. But some MPs felt that a declaration by him that he would not be standing again would case the situation. The nine-month investigation dismissed some of the complaints

Thatcher to delay exit of Walker until the summer

from the Cabinet is expected to be delayed until the early summer when it could form part of Mrs Margaret Thatcher's last government reshuffle

before a general election.
Whitehall sources say that
Mr Walker and Mrs Thatcher
agreed on Sunday that he
should stay on for "months" rather than weeks".

expect that Mrs Thatcher will use the occasion to complete her election team with limited changes in the Cabinet and wider changes in the lower ranks to bring on fresh talent. Mr David Hunt, the Local Government Minister and MP for Wirral West, emerged

yesterday as a strong can-didate to take Mr Walker's place. Mrs Thatcher is un-likely to want to move him while the community charge controversy is at its height. . Mr William Waldegrave, Minister of State at the For-

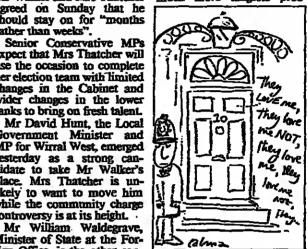
eign Office, is the other candidate favoured by Tory MPs. News of Bank of England intervention to help steady the pound after the weekend's events further intensified alarm among Tory MPs who feared that it might harm Mr John Major's Budget strategy. Labour sought to exploit the Government's embarrassment as campaigning began in

shire by-election. Meanwhile, Mr Hugh Dykes, Conservative MP for Harrow East, became the first MP to suggest publicly there might be another leadership challenge to Mrs Thatcher this

earnest in the Mid-Stafford-

Mr Peter Walker's departure year. He said: "It will probably happen every autumn now whatever the circumstances."

Mr John Biffen, a former Cabinet minister, said the Government would be weakened by Mr Walker's departure, although there were much more tangible prob-



lems, such as inflation, interest rates and the economy.

Mr Biffen said the poll tax could bring "considerable peril" to the Government if an election were held next week.

Mr Walker yesterday played down any damage his decision to resign had caused to a Government already under intense pressure over the poll tax. "I firmly believe it is a patch the Government is going through from which it will emerge exceedingly well," he said.

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Sterling's decline puts pressure on Chancellor

By Our Economics Staff

Sterling fell sharply on the 100 index had fallen 24.3 foreign exchanges yesterday points to 2,230.5. and had to be supported by the Bank of England for the first time in several weeks.

At the end of trading the pound was down 1.0 to 87.7 on its trade-weighted index, reflecting a fall of 1.6 cents to \$1.6390 against the dollar and 4.39 pfennigs to DM2.7922 against the mark,

The pound's fall dragged the stock market down in its wake. By the close the FT-SE

The fall in sterling puts additional pressure on the Chancellor, Mr John Major, to deliver a prudent Budget.

Currency markets were also upset by the latest figures for consumer credit in Britain, which showed a £535 million rise in the total amount outstanding during January.

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Maternity leave call for solicitors

months of maternity leave and return to work part-time in a report entitled, Women and the Recruitment Crisis (Francis

The report, drawn up by a committee of the Bristol Law Society, will go before a meeting of the national Law Society's working party on March 20. The society is to consider whether it should adopt its proposals as guidelines. A few years ago, Mr Jonathan Goldsmith, secretary of the committee, said, women were regarded as "good work-horses, but not partnership timber". Now, firms were competing to attract women trainees.

The report recommends nine months' maternity leave regardless of length of service, and for a salary above the statutory minimum. On return to work, it urges that women he allowed nine months of part-time work before resuming full duties and examines the options of working from home, job-share, "flexitime" and three-day weeks. The Law Society is already pressing for tax relief on child care expenses.

Concern at £25m fees

An accountant speculated that secret illegal payments were made after a share support operation mounted to see Guinness win its £2.7 billion bid for Distillers, Southwark Crown Court was told yesterday.

Mr Alan Bailey, former Guinness chief accountant, said he was concerned the invoices were used to disguise £25 million in illicit success fees and indemnities for supporters of the bid. He said that in November 1986, before a Department of Trade and Industry inquiry, be thought the payments might breach the 1985 Companies Act.

Army race hearing set

Mr Winston Lindsay, a black former Guardsman who claims he suffered 10 months of bullying by barrack-room racialists, will bring the first case of racial discrimination against the armed forces at a five-day industrial tribunal starting on April 23. At a private meeting at the tribunal offices in London yesterday, it was decided that two confidential documents belonging to the Ministry of Defence would be put forward at the tribunal.

Hotel bookings ban

Pickfords Business Travel yesterday suspended bookings to Sheraton hotels after the fire at Heliopolis, Cairo, last week in which 19 people died (Robin Young writes). Pickfords say the bookings will stay suspended until the company is reassured about safety standards at other Sheraton hotels.

Widow wins damages

A firm of solicitors admitted negligence yesterday in pursuing a damages claim for a widow and agreed to pay her £117,500 damages. Pattinson and Brewer, of Chatham, Kent, said the original legal action by Mrs Joyce O'Reilly, of Tilbury, Essex, against her late husband's employer would never have succeeded. The High Court in London was sold tht a writ was not issued until six years after he was diagnosed as suffering from an industrial injury.

Bully 'helpline' opens

A national telephone counselling service to help bullies and their victims was launched yesterday by Esther Rantzen, the TV presenter and chairman of ChildLine (Libby Jukes writes). The two-month initiative is an extension of ChildLine, which has already helped more than 81,000 people. Since it was set up three years ago, bullying has produced the fifth largest category of calls and is estimated to affect about 15 per cent of the school population.

Prize adds to car fund

yesterday's £4,000 Portfolio

Platinum competition.

Mrs May Phillips of
Wimbledon, south-west ndon, said that the money came as a late present for her 49th birthday, which she celebrated last Friday. "It will boost the car fund I have just started with my two children," she added.

She shares the prize with Mr Barry Harris, from Hornchnrch, Essex, who will put his winnings towards the family holiday. Each receives £2,000.



Mrs Phillips: Late present

Two landowners will pay poll tax for staff

Two of the richest men in Britain are to pay thousands of pounds in poll tax for their employees because they don't want them to be out of pocket.

The Marquess of Bath, one of Mrs Thatcher's greatest admirers, whose £200 million fortune matches that of the Prince of Wales, has announced that he is to pay the tax for 70 employees living on his Longleat estate in Wiltshire, at a cost of £28,000.

The Duke of Westminster, officially described as the country's richest man, estimated to be worth £3.2 billion, will pay the bills for staff at Eaton Hall, his home near Chester, and on his estate at Abbeystead, near Lancaster, which will total over £35,500.

Lord Bath, aged 85, who has a room dedicated to the Prime Minister in which he houses one of the largest collections of "Maggie memorabilia", said he is in favour of the tax but realizes it will cause a lot of hardship.

"I know that some of my workers will find it hard to find the money," he said. "They will be worse off because of the poll tax and I felt sorry for them so I am just doing them a favour. We will just have to draw in our horns and tighten our

The poll tax bill for the 70 cottages

will be around £24,000 from West Wiltshire district council. The authority is expected to set its charge at £340 on Thursday but Lord Bath is set to pay them each £400 to cover the charge at a cost of £28,000.

Lord Bath has to pay his own charge and the new business charge for the safari park. In the past he paid the rates on the cottages which last year averaged £300.

pay almost £12,000 in rates and is set to pay £417 poll tax for each of his 65 staff at Eaton Hall and £385 for each of his 22 staff at Abbeystead which comes to almost £24,000

more than he paid in rates. Mr Brian Bowden, the Duke's agent at Abbeystead said he was paying the bills because he does not like the poll tax. "He is determined to ease the burden for his staff," he

In both cases the bills will be paid as part of the employees' wages and they will have to pay income tax on the "gift".

Elsewhere in the country poll tax protesters are preparing to pay their bills in a variety of odd ways including writing cheques on slabs

Mr Alan Debenham, leader of Taunton anti-poll tax group, said disruption but remain within the law. Some people plan to turn up at the payment counter with bags of

A spokesman for the Department of the Environment said it was up to the individual community charge officer on each council to decide whether or not to accept payment made in an unusual way. Each officer can decide whether to accept a cheque written on, for instance, the side of a fish. "In the past ratepayers have tried to pay in a variety of unusual ways and this will

be no different," he said. A monthly newsletter circulated in Devon and Cornwall by an antipoli tax group lists ways of delaying payment of the poll tax including rgetting to sign cheques.

Mr Ray Cornforth, an organizer, said many life-long Conservative

because of the new charge.

ned to repi The group - People Against the Poll Tax - has linked up with other protesters in Maidenhead, Wey-mouth and Scotland. They are producing videos, sweatshirts and car stickers to raise funds and are ready to pay the legal costs of people in the area who end up in court for

failing to pay. Mr Henk Kuhlman of Haistead Essex, said yesterday that he was going to pay his tax bill in Ip pieces. He plans to take 70,086 coins to Braintree district council to pay for the bill for himself and his wife to protest at what he considers an unfair tax.

Mr Fred Swallow, the council's assistant community charge registration officer, said the pennies would be difficult to transport to the bank but would be accepted.

Union picket Trail of sludge in North Sea MP to quit line jeers as Ford workers end strike

work in the near future."

pondent writes from Geneva).

people to give up using cars.

cars per head of population

than West Germany, France

Speaking on the eve of the

Whalen said: "The question

should not be whether govern-

reduction in pollution caused

by motor vehicles is proceed-

ing at a rapid enough pace.

The motor industry knows

only too well that government

has to be seen to encourage

improvements to the environ-

ment. We understand that and

we approve of it but we merely

ask that our industry is con-

sulted and allowed to play a constructive part in bringing about those improvements."

and Italy. As the nation

would demand more cars.

He said Britain had fewer

Union pickets jeered and is now seen to be futile and we chanted insults at thousands are hoping for a full return to of Ford car workers who walked past them yesterday to resume work at the Halewood

plant, Merseyside.
The unprecedented crossing of picket lines mounted by engineers and electricians ended a seven-week strike at the dual body and assembly plant that has cost the company £430 million in lost

There were angry scenes at the plant gates as manual workers, members of the Transport and General Workers' Union, clocked on for two shifts. Each gate to the plant was manned by more than 100 pickets who jeered workmates who returned to work. A small number of police

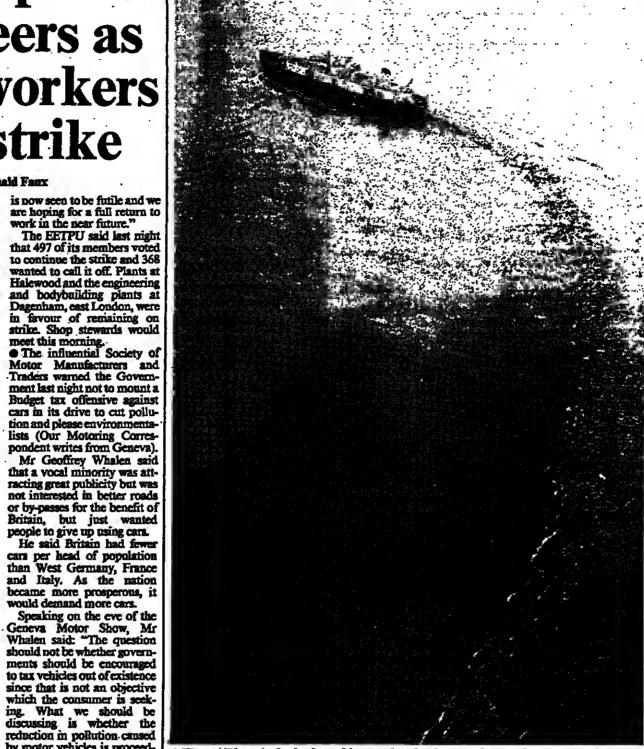
kept watch with reinforcements close by but there was no violence. Support for the strike had dwindled, with only 400 members of the AEU and **EETPU still out.**

They were involved in two separate disputes on conditions attached to the pay deal, claiming differentials were being eroded and that semiskilled workers were being trained to do jobs that were traditionally their preserve. Mr Peter Moore, TGWU

convenor at Halewood, said: ments should be encouraged "It was just a loser as it stands to tax vehicles out of existence now. They have not got the since that is not an objective support up and down the which the consumer is seekcountry they thought they ing. What we should be that has destroyed them."

Most other Ford plants supplied by Halewood have managed to continue production, although some workers at Southampton were laid off. A mass meeting of electricians and engineers tomorrow will decide whether the strike should continue.

Ford said a big investment programme at Halewood was behind schedule. "The strike



A Thames Water Authority dampship spreading an arc of waste as it dumps tomes of treated sewage sludge into the North Sea just 20 miles from Clacton, Essex, at a site called

The ship, Bexley, with two other vessels sails with every tide and deposits about 2.000 toones of sewage at each sailing. It makes a round trip of 50 miles from two major sewage works to Barrow Deep and once it arrives at Barrow Deep, dumps the sewage into the sea, leaving a grimy surface trail in its wake Thames Water has three ships dumping the treated sewage and between them will make more than 2,000 sailings a year, depending on weather conditions.

Most of the sewage comes from 4.4 million Londoners and the three ships together dwmp 4.5 million tonnes each year. The volume of the sludge and its concentration is controlled by law and in recent years its contamination has been reduced.

protest on charge

By Kerry Gill

Mr Dick Douglas, Labour MP for Dunfermline West, is to. leave the party in protest over its stance on the community charge. He is considering standing against an official Labour candidate in the forth. coming regional conneil

He made an announcement to his constituency party late on Sunday, saying that he was: keeping his options open but was almost certain to fight and official candidate for a seat on: Fife Regional Council,

Mr Douglas, who became an MP in 1970, has already said he would not stand for Parliament at the next general election. There has been, speculation that he might join, the Scottish National Party at he supports the national policy of non-payment of the poll tax.

Mr Douglas has been a vociferous critic of Labour policy of abolishing the poli, tax once it achieves govern ment, but urging people to, remain within the law and pay in the meantime.

Mr Douglas said if he stood in the elections it would be one a platform of non-payment of the poli tax. His constituence has now chosen a candidate to fight the general election.

He said yesterday. "I will be, supporting an attitude of the disobedience.

"I will be standing to king trate that, having tried everys thing else against the Thatches poll tax, we have to take a very firm view that the tax ite unworkable and it is a fallacy. to try and make it work."

our Party in Scotland said that-Mr Douglas's decision of leave would be no great loss.

Mr James Allison, the party's Scottish organizer, said that before his last reselection. he was regarded by many people as a right-winger.
"Now he has shifted towards," what would be categorized at the left wing, running with the poll tax non-payment lobby,

"How was I supposed to know?"

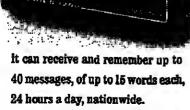
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Checks may wait 20 years, Labour says Labour's agriculture spokesman, said.

Pesticide safety

By Michael Hornsby Agriculture Correspondent

Forty-one per cent of the chemical ingredients in pesticides now in use were last tested for safety more than 25 years ago, and it could be another 20 years or more before they have all been re-examined, it was claimed

By failing to devote sufficient resources to pesticide review, the Government had created a "logiam" in which older, and possibly less safe, chemicals were continuing to be used while the approval of newer and environmentally friendlier ones was being held up, Dr David Clark,

"The Government's clear lack of commitment to the review and approval procedure is threatening the British manufacturing industry, the farmer, our wildlife, our water supplies and even the safety of the food we cat," he said.

A survey of pesticide manufacturers conducted by Dr Clark found that they were having to wait between three and five years to have new chemical ingredients approved. ICI and Bayer had each had only one new ingredient approved since 1986 and Hoescht, BASF, Shell and Monsanto had had none.

Of the 409 active pesticide ingredi-

end of last year, 298 were approved before 1981 and 169 before 1966, when testing methods were less stringent, particularly regarding measurement of carcinogenicity, Dr

"In March 1989, the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food announced the introduction of their scheme to review pesticides. By December 11, 1989, the ministry had reviewed 11 active ingredients, an average of just 1.2 a month.

Therefore, with 26 reviews in progress and 279 awaiting review - a total of 305 - the review will not be completed before 2011". The ministry

said it was expanding staff at its data evaluation unit at Harpenden, Hertfordshire, and hoped that would? reduce the time taken to review and approve pesticides.

Since 1985 the number of scientists working there had been increased from 18 to 50 and a staff of 61 was

The British Agrochemical Associa ation said that even with that increas the Harpenden unit would still be seriously understaffed. Mr Chris Major, of ICI Agrochemicals, said that the slow approval system was delay-ing the introduction of new pesticides that would be safer than some of those now in use.

'Invisible' satellite dish may bring harmony

By Nick Nuttall mology Correspondent

"eavironmentally friendly" satellite dish that could bring an end to the intercommunal friction that scape lovers in some parts of the country, has been devel-oped by British engineers. The dish, made from a tough

glass and plastic used for pol-ice riot shields, is transparent. It is being billed as the first invisible dish", costing only slightly more than conventional fibreglass or metal dishes.

Villages such as New Earswick, near York, have banned dishes from walls and rooftops on the ground that they are "unsightly birdbaths" that rain the architecture and beauty of buildings.

In a survey of items and activities most likely to spark disputes between neighbours, dishes were ranked sixth most hated after dogs, house extensions and fast growing trees. The new device should help to eliminate such objections,

according to Mr James Mc-Cormack, managing director of Zeta Services, of Alderley he it," he said. "They are so transparent, it is almost Edge, Cheshire, the telecommpossible to see them," The new glass, called see through dish. "We have been looking for an environ-Armourplate, has been made by Pilkingtons and is five mentally-friendly solution to es tougher than convent-



instead of protruding from the front are hor special plastic behind the dish. have been specially developed by Marconi, the British defence and cons Apart from its environment-

al benefits, Mr McCormack said the invention, which will be in the shops next month, had other important advan-tages. It holds its shape better, making it a more reliable reflector of satellite signals.

With existing dishes, sun-light can be reflected into the feedborn, or pick-up unit, leading to dishes "burning out" on sunny days. The new device is transparent to senlight waves.

The Zeta dish can also incorporate heat elements similar to those in a car windscreen, to keep it free of ice and snow. About five million British homes are expected to have satellite television by the end of 1993. After a rulinglest December

by the Joseph Rowntree Men morial Trust, which administers New Earswick, to ben dishes from the village, several inventive ideas have been see gested to mask the receiver including one from an artist, which blends dishes into their background.

These were considered attractive, however, that see eral were stolen.

Mr McCormack said that with an "invisible dish" their was remote. "You just them spruced up when their window cleaner comes round. he said.

The Official Solicitor in withdrawn representation

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Drotest

Scargill denies that Gadaffi funds were used to repay debts

Amid growing calls from within his union for an explanation about alleged Libyan funding during the yearlong miners' strike, Mr Arthur Scargill said yesterday he would make a full report to a special meeting of his national

However, the president of the National Union of Mineworkers insisted that claims that undercover money from Colonel Gadaffi had been received and then used to pay the personal debts of himself were "vicious lies".

Mr Scargill vigorously denied that any money from national president nor the gen-Libys or Libyan sources had been received by the belea-gured NUM as far as its two full-time national officials

Mr Scargill and the union issued a detailed rebuttal to allegations in the Daily Mirror newspaper yesterday that the union had received £163,000 from Colonel Gadaffi after a secret trip to Tripoli by Mr Roger Windsor, then chief executive of the NUM.

In the article, Mr Windsor, who now lives with his family in France, is reported as saying that the money had been received in 1984 through a middle man, Mr Altaf Abbasi, a shopkeeper, of Don-caster, South Yorkshire.

It claimed the money was then used to pay back to the union Mr Scargill's mortgage and the home loans of two of the NUM officials, Mr Windsor and Mr Peter Heathfield,

the general secretary.

As the NUM issued a detailed response to the claims in a document headed Scargill and the Libyan money — the lies, the South Yorkshire police confirmed that they were continuing an investiga-tion in which they wished to

question Mr Windsor.

The police were called in by
Mr Scargill last October after documents were reported to be missing from his office in Sheffield. The inquiry is also understood to involve claims repay a loan to the union. submit to questioning in England but he has so far refused to return. Officers have no plans to see him in France.

1984-5 which came from Libya or Libyan sources as far as the two full time national officials are concerned.

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"THE FACTS: During the course of the miners strike, all monies brought into the National Office either by organizations, individuals, members of the public or members of staff were recorded. All members of staff who received money from outside or inside the office were required to indicate the source of the donations or loans and these were recorded. If any money emanating from Libya was brought in or received from any organization or individuals including members of staff, the national officials were not aware of it at the time, nor have they been so informed since by Mr Wind-

sor or anyone else. "The national officials reiterate that to their knowledge no monies were received from Libya during or since the strike. If it is true that the for-D mer chief executive officer, then he lied about it at the time auditors. It is true that monies to the national officials. If it is not true, then he is lying about it now to the Daily Mirror."

The Daily Mirror report claims that "the home loans owed to the NUM were Scargill's £25,000 mortgage; Windsor's £29,500 interestfree bridging loan and £17,000 lent to Peter Heathfield for

home improvements". The rebuttal says: "No union money or money do- ber of staff in charge of the nated for union members or hardship purposes was used for request the NUM granted him and other full-time officials the personal needs of national

> THE FACTS: Neither the eral secretary had a mortgage or loan so no question or repayment could have been perceived. By the rules and ong-standing practice of the union, houses occupied by the national officials are owned by Gormley and Lawrence Daly.

purchasing the properties occupied by the president and general secretary from, respec-tively, the president and the Derbyshire area of the NUM in accordance with the proce-



Windsor in Sheffield.

dure of the union. The union that Mr Windsor failed to had also, perfectly properly, spent some money on the Detectives have made several properties, thereby enhancing requests to Mr Windsor to their value to the union prior submit to questioning in Engchases. The strike intervened delaying these transactions.
"There was a sequestration

The rebuttal document order subsequently made and 8, 1984. says: "There was no money concern was expressed that received by the NUM either the sequestrators might try to to the union's NEC in Nothose properties and other houses owned by the union. A decision was therefore made to repay the NUM the sums it

> "The money to do so came from a trust fund and in the president's case was repaid to that trust fund within four days from his own personal savings. The house occupied by the general secretary was eventually transferred to the union some four years after the dispute finished and remains the union's property. The payments and transactions referred to above were completed weeks before the date identified by the Daily Mirror as that on which Mr Windsor allegedly brought cash into the NUM office

from Libyan sources. "An accurate record was kept of all monies paid into the trust fund along with the course of such monies and also details of all expenditure from the trust fund. These accounts have been fully examined and confirmed as cle, the union's officials will Roger Windsor, did obtain accurate by one of the world's make a report to a special namonics from Libyan sources, leading independent firm of tional executive committee."

were paid perfectly properly to the Nottinghamshire area of the NUM in respect of area legal actions.

Mr Windsor, aged 45, says in the Daily Mirror. "This business has always leaned heavily on my conscience." The document says: "Roger

Windsor's role: THE FACTS: Roger Winenable him to purchase his house in Sheffield to be near his work. That money was re-

paid from the trust fund into the NUM general fund in order to protect Mr Windsor's property from the sequestrators. Some two years after the dispute ended, Mr Windsor signed a legal agreement confirming that he had rethe national union. These inc-lude former officials like Lord ceived a personal loan and Gormley and Lawrence Daly.

"Prior to the dispute the NUM were in the process of International Miners Organization to whom the debt had been transferred. To date, Mr Windsor has not repaid this loan and he is the subject of legal proceedings which are currently underway in France by the IMO against him for the recovery of this debt.

"He is also, as is widely known, the subject of an investigation by British police who have confirmed that they till seek to interview him as a result of information given to the police by the president of the NUM shortly after Mr Windsor resigned as chief executive officer when certain matters came to light."

The Daily Mirror gives details of the meeting that Mr Windsor says he and Scargill had with the Libyans in Paris. The rebuttal says: "Meetings

with Libyan representatives: "THE FACTS: During the strike, national officials met representatives from over 50 countries around the world. The only contacts which the national officials had with any representatives claiming to be from Libya were a) when Mr Windsor introduced a man named Abbasi to the president of the union at the 1984 Labour Party conference and, b) at a meeting in the CGT Paris headquarters on October

"These facts were reported Libya. The only contact since the dispute occurred was when the president briefly met a Libyan representative at the 1985 Labour Party conference in Bournemouth and when the ding a meeting in France, met a Libyan representative. This was also reported to the NEC. requested or given during or as

"The Daily Mirror was reqnested to put any questions on these matters in writing. Had it done so, all of the facts to which we have replied would have been made available and this smear story would have been destroyed before publication. One can only conclude that the Mirror's primary purpose was to mount a malicious character assassination on the NUM's national officials. In view of the scurrilous attacks. the lies and distortions contained in the Daily Mirror arti-





Scargill attack on 'vicious' allegations

Continued from page 1 organization. Mr Scargill denied the allegations that any Libyan or other monies donated to striking miners were given to him or Mr Heathfield. to pay personal debts.

Mr Scargill said neither he or Mr Heathfield had a mortgage or loan "so no question of repayment could have been perceived". Before the strike the union was in the process of buying his house from him and Mr Heathfield's house from the president of the Derbyshire area of the union.

The union had also, perfectly properly, spent some-money on the properties, thereby enhancing their value to the union prior to comple-

tion of the purchas He said that the strike intervened, and because of a sequestration order concerned? was expressed that the seques-trators might try to make out a case for seizure of the houses; and other properties owned bythe union.

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Corner shop go-between

money reached the NUM during the miners' strike were reported extensively in 1984, particularly by The Sunday

It was revealed then that Mr Arthur Scargill and Mr Roger Windsor had a six-bour meeting with Libyan representatives in October 1984 at the Paris headquarters of CGT, the French TUC.

They met Mr Salem Ihra-him, described by French intelligence sources as Colonel Gadaffi's paymaster.

Mr Scargill said at the time that his trip to Paris was to coordinate with French trades unionists a couvey of lorries currying food parcels to strik-ing British miners.

Allaman and the spirit

After the Paris meeting, Mr Windsur went to Tripoli, where he met Colonel Gadaffi and a video of him kissing the Libyan lander was televised

out the world. The Paris and Tripoli visits were arranged by a Pakistani who can a corner shop in Doncaster, South Yorkshire, Mr Alinf Abbasi.

Stories that Soviet and Libyan Paris meeting and Mr Windsor made the same journey on

> Mr Abbasi, who is married with five children, came to Britain over 20 years ago.

He ran a small grocery shop, Express Foods, in Copley Road, Doncaster, but was rarely there because, an assistant at the shop said: "He travels a lot".

On October 13, 1984 - five days after the Scargill-Windsor visit to Paris, Mr Abassi attended a meeting of the Pakistani People's Party in Peterborough and told his fellow exiles that, after being in contact with the NUM for over a year, he had arranged support for the miners from

He boasted: "They won't have any financial problems any more. They won't forget me for the rest of their lives."

Mr Windsor joined the NUM in the early 1980s after having worked for an international trade union organization and lived in Strond, the Soviet Union and says that Gloucestershire, where his if financial help had emanated

Gaddafi, saying that the Libyan leader "expressed sympathy with the striking miners who suffer from abuse and itation at the hands of the ruling class in Britain."

In an interview with Mr David Frost on TV-am in November 1984, Mr Scargill said he did not know Mr Abbasi nor the names of the Libyan representatives he had met in Paris.

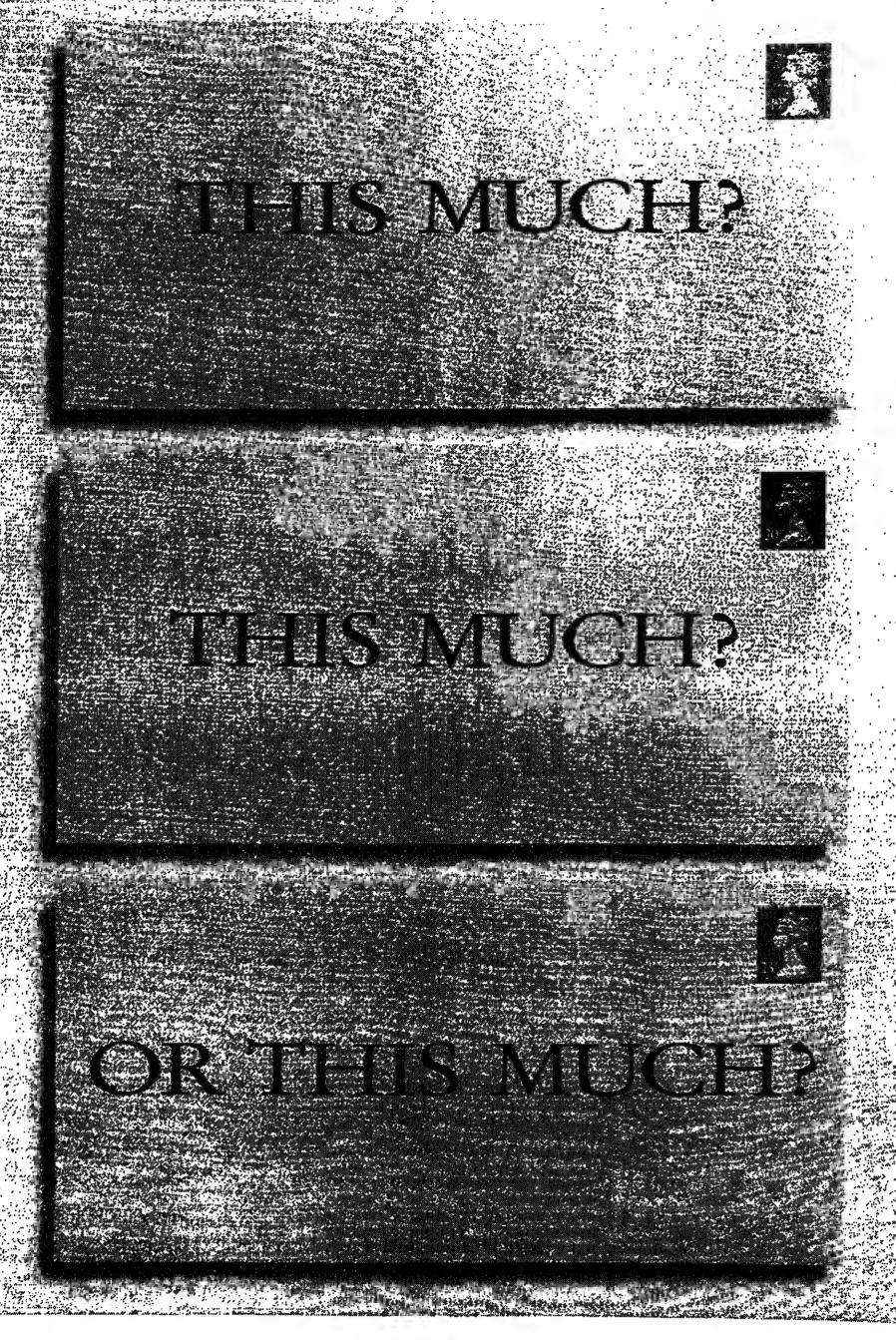
"All I know is I met some people who said they were from Libya, and trade unionists. I don't know who Mr Salem Ibrahim is, unless he is a representative of the trade unionist movement."

The NUM's Libyan link was seen as a propaganda coup for Colonel Gaddafi. Libyan radio reported on the "confusion," that Mr Windsor's visit to Tripoli had provoked in "British circles".

Mr Scargill denies that the NUM received money from fr Altaf Abbasi. wife Angela was secretary of from Libya "the union's nat-the constituency Labour party- ional officials were not aware The efficial Libyan news of it."

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Reforms 'opposed by most Conservative supporters'

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

The Government was dealt a use the survey to support its extend it throughout the blow over its health service call for a full pilot study in one country." reforms yesterday when a region to test each of the key Gallup poll showed that less reforms, such as self-governthan a third of its own ing hospitals and practice supporters approved of the budgets for general practition-

Medical Association, seven out of 10 voters are opposed to nity Care Bill during its Comthe changes and 73 per cent of mons report stage the electorate think the Natthe electorate think the National Health Service is unsafe
77 per cent of Conservative in Conservative bands.

However, the poll of 836 the health service reforms is low even among Conservative voters. Only 32 per cent of plans for changing the NHS? people intending to vote Tory in the next general election backed the plans, compared to 37 per cent who disapproved and 31 per cent who were

When asked if they agreed with the statement: "The NHS is safe in the hands of the Conservatives" less than half (48 per cent) of Tory voters agreed, 36 per cent disagreed and 16 per cent didn't know.

Dr John Marks, chairman of the association, claimed the results represented "a massive vote of no confidence in the proposals". The poli had shown that the vast majority of people opposed the plans in spite of the Government's recent propaganda campaign,

The association will also

ers. Dr Marks will be pressing According to the poll, for this to be included in commissioned by the British amendments to the National for this to be included in Health Service and Commu-

voters and 70 per cent of the

adults showed that support for Q: From what you have read or Q: Do you agree or disagree

voters.
Nonetheless, 57 per cent of
Tory voters and 68 per cent of
those polled said that either
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entire sample thought that should decide on whether the they should first be tested out hospital became self-governin experimental pilot areas. Only 10 per cent of the full sample and 15 per cent of Tory voters backed national

The BMA has maintained from the beginning that these potentially disruptive ideas should be tried out on one area. The whole hocus-pocus should be tried in one region to see if it actually works," Dr

ing. Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Secretary of State for Health, has made clear that ballots of either staff or local commonities will not be decisive in applications

Plans to allow general practitioners to hold budgets to cover practice costs and some hospital care were particularly unpopular.

The survey also highlighted Marks said. "If it does work, it will be perfectly reasonable to the Government's handling of

Tory voters, and 73 per cent of poll showed that over half all those questioned dis-those surveyed would disapproved of the way the carry out the reforms.

approve if their local hospital became self-governing, al-The poll is the fourth commissioned by the British Medical Association in the past six months. It shows that disapproval of the reforms has remained fairly constant at about 70 per cent, even though the association stopped its publicity campaign at the end

> However, approval of the reforms and agreement that the health service is safe in Conservative hands has dropped since the last poll in October, with more people now expressing uncertainty.

"The Government should stop turning its back on public opinion," Dr Marks said. Mr Robin Cook, opposition health spokesman, pointed out that between the publications of the Newtone Liberty Back. tion of the National Health Service Bill and the debate in committee, support for the Government's plans had fallen further.

"Not even the poll tax was this unpopular when the Bill was before Parliament," Mr Cook said. "Tory backbenchers should ask themselves it this is really the time to be voting for a Bill that will give them even worse difficulties with their constituencies."

Winner blows own trumpet



James Arnold, aged 13, of Burton on Trent, celebrating winning the junior trampet section of the UK qualifying round of the European Music for Youth Prize in London, yesterday. In the finals in London in July young trumpeters from Europe will compete for £3,250 in prizes.

Reshuffle on Liberal Democrats' front-bench

By Nigel Williamson Political Staff

In a reshuffle designed to take effect from the Easter recess Mr Simon Hughes, the Liberal Democrat MP for Bermond-sey, will take over responsibility for the party's response to the Government's Environ-mental Protection Bill.

He takes the post of environment spokesman from Mr Makcolm Bruce, who will now concentrate exclusively on Scottish matters. He will be supported in a newly-strengthened team by the existing Scottish spokesman, Ms Ray

Michie. Mr Hughes has strong links with the Green movement. Mr Bruce, however, will introduce the party's new policy on energy and environment at the Liberal Democrat conference in Cardiff next weekend.

In other front-bench chang es announced by Mr Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, last night, Mr Matthew Taylor, who at 27 is the youngest MP, assumes Mr Hughes' previous responsibil-ities for education.

Mr Taylor's former role as trade and industry spokesman goes to Lord Ezra, the former chairman of the Coal Board, who will develop policy for the general election

Mr Alan Beith, the party's Treasury spokesman, will now also cover trade and industry matters in the Commons, supported by Mr Menzies Campbell, a member of the Commons Trade and Industry Select Committee.

Chaos fear if councils are capped

By Douglas Broom Education Reporter

Any attempt by the Government to cap the poll tax levied by local education authorities would result in chaos in schools and could be illegal, Mr David Hart, general sec-retary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said

He appealed to ministers to consider the consequences for education before acting against high-spending coun-

Education accounted for the tion's share of local authority expenditure and capped councils would be forced to cut school budgets to avoid overcounted for up to 80 per cent of school budgets, he said.

Altering budgets after April I could be in breach of the 1988 Education Reform Act which requires councils to set school budgets before the start of the financial year.

Mr Hart, a former solicitor, added that in his view it was "inevitable" that schools affected by capping would go to law to defend their budgets. • The Government's education reforms are being mirrored throughout the developed world, according to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. A report by Professor Malcolm Skilbeek, Vice-Chancellor of Deakin University, Australia, challenges leachers' union claims that the British Government is taking

a dangerously radical course. It found that governments from Japan to Canada were pursuing reforms which, like those in Britain, gave greater emphasis to vocational skills, literacy and numeracy, testing 'Socialist grip' condemned

in schools | Call for privatized education system

examination boards and wing Adam Smith Institute.

author, who is senior lecturer in education at the Poly-technic of North London, says Britain's economic future is threatened by an educational establishment which is in the hands of socialists who are replacing intellectual standards in the search for equallead to staff redundancies sub-Marxist claptrap under performance. Average standards teachers' salaries acsexism, and multi-culturalism

> says. A market-driven system moaners that men oppress women, that

dent Council for Education, a special group of experts to are now criticizing some advise the Secretary of State for Education, and an independent educational thinktank. He proposes that the GCSE should be scrapped and replaced by private and competing examining boards with parents encouraged to pay for books and examina-

"One of the greatest tri-

cation, including schools, teacher training colleges, universities, should be pri-vatized to break the socialist grip on the system, which is facing an unprecedented crisis, according to a report published today by the right-

Mr Dennis O'Keeffe, its is widespread," Mr O'Keeffe

would allow more choice: and misanthropists will still be able to have children taught that white people hate blacks, all cultures are 'equal'. The difference will be that, like everything else, these moods will have to be sustained on the basis of personal finance."

tion fees.

umphs of socialist education is the GCSE, whose powers of intellectual destructiveness will, if it endures, be seen in SWtP 3BL £9).

He wants to see an Indepen-

By David Tytler, Education Editor Large sections of British edu-cation, including schools, destruction of the grammar

schools," he says. A privatized system with schools and other education institutions geared to profit-making could benefit both pupils and teachers, Mr O'Keeffe says. "We need private examinations, private schools, private institutions of educational evaluation and research. Socialism is wrong

> disastrous in education as A radical shake-out of teachers would take place under a privatized system. "Some weak teachers will be dismissed. Many more will be

ture will emerge."

in theory. Its results are as

There would be a mixture of large companies, "the ICIs of the curriculum", and small organizations selling education and training.

Mr O'Keeffe accuses the educational establishment of being anti-patriotic. "Solidarity with blacks, solidarity with Bangladeshis - they are impeccable. Love and celebration of this country are definitely out."

He is particularly scathing of the school inspectors who teachers for a drop in standards: "The way in which the inspectors now pose as the guardians of standards, having helped the teachereducators in their partially successful attempt to infantilise the education system, is one pf the most shameful scandals of modern British life."

The Wayward Elite (by Dennis O'Keeffe, Adam Smith In-stitute, PO Box 316, London,

At one ome, success in education was measured

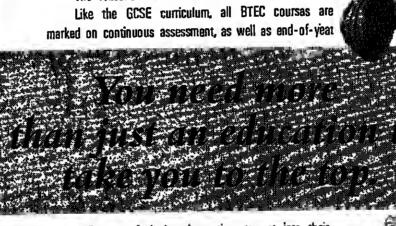
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Florentine Hercules bronze 'found' in a Welsh garden

A sculpture found in a garden and sold last year for a record £6.82 million has led to the discovery of another unrecognized sculpture, also in a garden, and worth between £50,000 and £80,000.

The latest find, a Florentine bronze of Hercules supporting the world on his shoulders (below), turned up in a Welsh garden. It was bought for about £120 in a London antique market 20 years ago and will now be sold at Sotheby's on April 12.

It reflects the astonishing rise in value for what were once considered merely figures in the shrubbery of good country gardens. "A nation of gardeners is seeing its statuary in a new light," Sotheby's said.

A broaze of a dancing faun by Adrien de Vries, sold only three months ago, prompted the latest discovery. It was bought 30 years ago for less than £100 and was spotted by Miss Elizabeth Wilson, a Sotheby's sculpture expert.

The record price brought many inquiries from other hopeful owners to Sotheby's offshoot in Billingshurst,

SALEROOM

By John Shaw

West Sussex, which handles garden statuary. They in-cluded a photograph of the Hercules figure, 98cm high, sent in by a Welsh couple and forwarded to Miss Wilson. She saw the figure and attrib-



uted it to Ferdinando Tacca, a 17th century maker.

It derives from a smaller bronze statuette by Giambologna, one of a series illustrating The Labours of Hercules, in the Castello Sforzesco, Milan. · Fine furniture brought

wealthy buyers who paid F139,533,000 (£4,135,251) at

Sotheby's in Monte Carlo at

the weekend for 285 lots (12

per cent bought in). A private collector paid Ff4,440,000 (£464,435) for the top piece, a Louis XV desk. Phillips staged a successful £172,590 jewellery sale in Bath with only two lots unsold, part of a new regional group sales policy drawing on the

resources of its 14 salerooms in the South-west. Hintlesham Hall, the 16th century hotel near Ipswich, Suffolk, has become a victim of the present high interest rates and is for sale for more

than £7.5 million. The 33-bedroom, four-star hotel, which has an 18-hole championship golf course, is set in 170 acres of countryside.



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Developer continues fight to build £1m house in green belt

By Christopher Warman Property Correspondent

Mr Bill Woods wants to build a stately country house in the middle of his 395-acre farm in Bedfordshire as his home and as a contribution to English architectural heritage. He has, however, been refused permission because it is in the

He is to resubmit an amended application in the hope that it will be treated on its own merits, and has drawn on agricultural needs, in the up plans to landscape the whole of the farm.

Mr Woods, a property developer who has spent more than ties. This, Mr Woods is pre-£30,000 preparing the scheme, estimates that the house alone will cost £1 million to build, on the particular site for the with a great hall reached and the final bill, if he is allowed to go ahead, will be middle of the farmland, be two wings, with a stable block

nearer £2 million. tween two gentle slopes and and formal gardens in the fully marked the largest woodlands, landscaped grounds, which tect, who has designed a and scarcely visible from pub- will involve the planting of nearer £2 million.

Georgian style, says it is a once-for-all opportunity, and criticizes the constraints of the

"The green belt is supposed to protect the landscape, and

this project will enhance the landscape. It would be terrible if no more grand houses could be built because of green belt There is, ironically, permission for a house, granted Hertfordshire section of the farm, which straddles the

pared to forgo.

border between the two coun-Architect's drawing of Mr Woods's "contribution to English heritage", with two wings, a stable block and formal gardens He and his architect decided lic roads. The proposed house,

5,000 trees, "The proposed buildings will be of such quality that the already outstanding beauty of the land shall be further enhanced," the plans suggest.
That grand design has so

The local parish council is planning department to the against it, and the South committee said the house Bedfordshire District Coun-"loosely described as a dwell-"loosely described as a dwellcil's planning committee re- ing house, ... what amounts to jected the plan by five votes to a three-storey Palladian coun-

immediately visible except to views from the south-cast, would present a conspicuous location having, by the very nature of the house design, a dramatic impact on the landscape within the Green Belt. area of outstanding natural beauty, and area of great iandscape value". In his submission to the

council, Mr Arikoglu argued that the green belt would be strengthened by the proposals rather than weakened "as they bring the land under the close control of a caring landowner who would live on the spoi". Mr Woods said: "I already

live in a nice house, built in the 1930s, thatched, mock Elizabethan. But I want to build a grand house to live in."

"although not statement it asks: Where are the modern 20th; offerny country houses that the come the period houses of the 22nd country!"

Mr Jonathan Major, a par-ner, says it is probably more difficult to obtain permission for a new country house on a

virgin site than to get per mission for a business park The environment in which we live would appear to be, at least in some planners' eyes, less important than the one in which we work."

He argues that there should be a controlled planning policy which would allow new houses to be built in the countryside, creating a new housing stock which would go some way to reduce the "gen His attempt to build a trifying of small houses and country house receives en- cottages, often enlarged by dorsement from the agents most unsuitable extensions."

Zeebrugge victims' families still seek damages for stress

Relatives of some of the passengers and crew killed in the Zeebrugge ferry disaster 1987, said: "I believe these three years ago are still seeking compensation from P&O, the owners of the vessel, it was disclosed yesterday. As the 36-month deadline

midnight last night, the company was facing writs issued by solicitors representing 40 relatives who are claiming psychiatric injury after the sinking of the Herald of Free Enterprise in which 193 died.

Lawyers are planning to by Mr Christopher Erving, the press Lord Mackay of Clash-tern, the Lord Chancellor, to for a sample action. appoint a judge to hear a group action for what is expecover compensation for posttraumatic stress disorder.

None of those seeking compensation were on board the ferry but they are suing P&O for the nervous illnesses they say they suffered because of media coverage of the tragedy. If they are successful, it could have far-reaching implications for the legal entitlements of the relatives of others invol-ved in disasters. Similar ac-allege they suffered by seeing tion is planned by families of the tragedy unfold on telethose killed at Hillsborough. Mr Michael Napier, a mem-

tiated cases both legally and medically for compensation for nervous shock. They have been forced to take legal for legal action passed at action because they have failed to receive compensation from the hardship fund set up

by P&O after the disaster." Crew members' families have obtained 24 writs against P&O, three of which have been served on the company

He said: "Some of these people have suffered quite hoted to set a court precedent rrendous psychiatric damage: among the 24 are two husbands, also seamen, who have not been able to work since the disaster because their wives were stewardesses on the Herald. Both women, in fact, survived unhurt but the consequences on their husbands have been only too real." The claims by the so-called

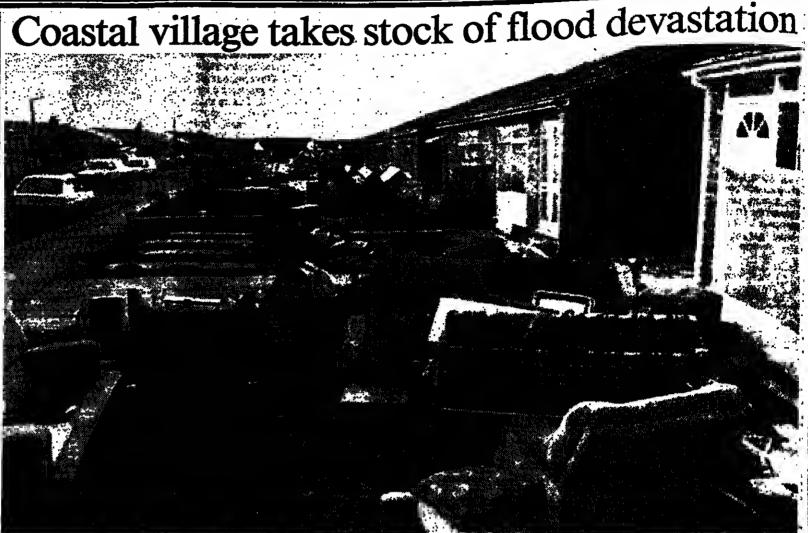
"remote" relatives is based on vision and in the newspapers, not knowing whether their ber of the solicitors' group rep- loved ones were alive or dead. on charges of manulanghter.

"P&O seems to be totally unwilling to recognize that nervous shock can be caused actually at the scene. We are not talking about grief, but real psychiatric illness," Mr Peter Spooner, a member of the executive committee of the Herald Families' Association, said.

"From my own personal experience, I know the anquish caused by the television pictures and newspaper accounts. Every time I saw that damned ship, I knew the body of my youngest son was pity that, three years after the aster, P&O are still resisting the claims of people who suffered a definite illness."

All other claims from survivors or those bereaved have been settled. In February last year, 10 survivors successfully took their compensation claims for post-traumatic stress disorder to arbitration. However, the company has refused to give the relatives similar access to arbitration.

P&O declined to comment. The company, along with former executives and crew, will stand trial at the Central Criminal Court next September



up yesterday outside bungalo until recently were under several feet of sea water as a result of the floods in Towyn, North Wales, last week.

Mopping up operations along the flood-hit north Wales coast were under way yesterday as thousands of evacuces waited for the all-clear to

return to their homes. Only a few from tilying areas of the flood zone have

The sea wall that gave way last Monday, bringing disaster to the coastal village in Ciwyd, was sealed a week after freak winds and high spring tides smashed open a 200-

have worked round the clock since Thursday dumping 60,000 tormes of

A total of 2,800 properties in Towyn and its neighbouring communities of Kinmel Bay and Pensara, Dyfed, were flooded. Those evacuated were put up in the homes of relatives and friends metre section. Emergency workers and some in emergency centres;

nodation. Pupils of Towys Janior School returned to their studies yesterday in the temporary setting of Bodelwyddan Castle.

Relief workers have been checking properties and police are maintaining an "exclusion zone" in the area.

Painting charges

Two Britons and three Turks were being held last night after a 17th century Dutch painting by Gabriel Metsu called "Lady-Reading a Letter", stolen from Sir Alfred Beit's collection in

Ireland in 1986, was found in Turkey.

Student feared oral test would be unfair

Mr Francis Foecke, a former by Mr Ian Karsten, counsel for Bristol University student ac- the Board of Examiners, Mr cused of cheating, chose not to Foecke said he felt that an submit to a viva voce, an oral appropriate time for a viva examination, of his ability would have been between because he felt he would be June 4, 1986, when he sat his "screwed" by the university. Mr Foecke said he would

have been happy to have a viva before he was found guilty but not after when the chance of a fair hearing was, he believed, non-existent.

On the twelfth day of his appeal hearing into cheating allegations, Mr Foecke, aged 32, said he feared Professor Geoffrey Grimmett, his inquisitor, would adopt "an aggressive and bullying" tone which, Mr Foecke claimed, he had adopted when accusations

of cheating were first made. "I cannot conceive that once those accusations were put to me there could be a fair assessment," Mr Foecke said. "I would have been screwed." Under cross-examination

put to him. Mr Foecke said he felt that he still had to prove his innocence. However, Mr Karsten said the Board of Examiners accepted that the burden of proof was his responsibility.

final examination, and June

13, 1986, when suspicions of

dishonest conduct were first

He said, however, that he felt the board had proved Mr Foccke's guilt. "The chances of similarity between Mr Foecke's scripts and the outline solutions being as many as they are and involving as many unique features as they do, by innocent means, are astronomically small."

The hearing continues to-

Appeal to Lords

'Impertinent' journalist criticized

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent A journalist's appeal to the ercially sensitive nature of the whether the Law Lords should lence or the activities of one of

book or face punishment for contempt ran into problems yesterday when a Law Lord questioned whether the House should hear a case brought by somebody who had "cocked a snook" at the law.

Lord Bridge of Harwich asked why the House should hear the appeal by Mr William Goodwin, a trainee reporter on *The Engineer* magazine, since he had had the "impertinence" to say he had not "the slightest intention" of complying with the law.

Mr Goodwin has consistently refused to obey orders requiring him to disclose his notes of a telephone conversation which, it is thought, could identify the person who leaked a company's confidential financial affairs to him.

The company cannot be Lord Bridge: Attitude of named because of the comm-litigant "extraordinary". named because of the comm-

House of Lords against a court information involved. It said agree to hear the case in view the company's competitors. order to hand over his note- the leak came from stolen of the journalist's "extraor-

When the appeal by Mr Goodwin and his employers, Morgan Grampian, reached the Lords yesterday, Lord Bridge of Harwich asked



documents and wants to disdinary attitude that he was it would he unreasonable for a
cover who was responsible. entitled to set the law at court to refuse to hear an nought."

"He puts his duty to his profession above his duty to obey the law," Lord Bridge said, sitting with Lords Templeman, Griffiths, Oliver and Lowry. "Why should the litigant to have the "imperti-House of Lords hear an appeal nence" to say that, whatever in these circumstances since the courts decided, he would he has not the slightest intention of complying?

Mr Geoffrey Robertson QC, for Mr Goodwin, who is to "stifle" any appeal by Mr backed by the National Union Goodwin. "The company's of Journalists, said the re-porter believed he was morally justified in keeping his sources confidential because he gave his word and because of his duty as a journalist He did not believe that the

information he received was as a result of a criminal enterprise, personal malevo-

Lord Bridge asked whether appeal by someone who had cocked a snook at the courts. Mr Goodwin, in written evi-

dence, had issued a "proclamation of defiance", he said. It was exceptional for a not comply with any order. Mr John McDonnell for the company said it did not wish

whole object is not to per-secute Mr Goodwin but to enable them to identify the source of his information." The lords decided they

would hear the appeal on the merits but leave the question whether it should have been heard until the end of the case. The case continues today.

court was told, persuading Police Sergeant John Connell, who worked under him, to

lend his name, that of his wife

Another officer, Sergeant David Williamson, also

agreed to make applications in

his own name and that of his

wife and daughter. The Smiths

were used to make applica-tions for Rolls Royce. Mr Elfer

said Mr Knox-Brown still had

and of his son aged nine.

Fake daffodils

bath while her mother fetched

a towel, a West Cumbria

coroner was told yesterday.

Armathwaite Hall Hotel in the Lake District is to plant hundreds of plastic daffodils so that Easter guests will not be disapointed because mild weather means real daffodils are already in full bloom.

Oldest cow

Bold, believed to be Britain's Saw death oldest cow, died yesterday aged 35. The mother of 29 calves was buried by Mr Will Evans, her owner, at his farm in Llanaelhaearn, Gwynedd.

School allergy

Some 100 children at Whetley Lane First School in Bradford, West Yorkshire, are having only half-day education until the cause of allergies suffered by people in an old part of the school recently treated for dry rot, has been identified.

Miner chosen

Mr Steve Warran, aged 26, an electrician who lost his job when the Geevor tin mine near Land's End closed last month, was named yesterday to contest the St Ives, Cornwall seat for Labour at the next general election.

Mr Nesset Tas, head of Istanbul's financial police unit, said the painting was valued in 1986 at £16 million. He said Mr! Allen Jackson, of Northern Ireland, Mr James Mullan, of Scotland, and three Turkish men would probably appear before an Istanbul court charged with possession of stolen goods.

Baby drowned House moving Sarah Thurlow, aged 10 months, of Great Clifton, A 500-year-old stately home Speke Hall may be lifted up Workington, drowned in her

The inquest was adjourned.

and moved to a new location, to make way for expansion. plans at Liverpool airport. If the plan goes ahead, the National Trust-owned Tudor landmark will be the first building of its type to be

Rabies alert

A rabies alert was issued yesterday after a cat which could be infected with the disease escaped from a Dutch; timber lorry in Gloucester.

A retired schoolmaster died when a chainsaw he was using to trim garden trees fell on him. Mr Michael Brisley, aged 62, of Southwell, Notts, was rushed by ambulance to hos-pital in Newark.

Attacker jailed Nigel Cross, aged 29, was

jailed for six years at Leicester Crown Court yesterday after admitting two charges of abduction with intent to have unlawful sex with two stu-dents at Loughborough last

Murder charge Mrs Carol Wray was yesterday

accused at Halifax magistrates court of murdering her husband and daughter, aged 11 in a fire four years ago.

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Policeman 'made multiple share applications'

A police inspector who alleg-edly made unlawful multiple applications for shares in British Gas and Rolls-Royce later told detectives he did not think it was a crime, a court was told vesterday.

Clive Knox-Brown, an officer in the Greater Manchester police, used two of his sergeants, their families and his next-door neighbours as "pup-pets" in his scheme to obtain thousands of shares, Southwark Crown Court, south London, was told.

By Richard Evans Media Editor

The BBC is severely censured today for portraying Britain's Brownies as

The damaging and inaccurate story-line in several episodes of EastEnders

last year "came near to paredy", was unfair to the junior section of the Girl

Guides movement and harmed its image, the Broadcasting Complaints Commission says in an adjudication

The Girl Guides Assocation had

camping with boyfriends.

published today.

a man who is very interested in shares in public companies. He is well versed in the stock market and in the share market of this country."

Mr Elfer alleged that Mr Knox-Brown knew perfectly well that he was only entitled to make one application for shares in each flotation. After his arrest, Mr Knox-Brown was said to have told detecwas said to have told detectives: "I knew what I was alleged be applied for 12,000

a travesty and bore no relation to real

life. Brownies had been "badly

To make matters worse, the BBC screened some damaging episodes after Dr June Paterson-Brown, chief

dged a formal complaint about the

false image being presented with Mr Will Wyatt, assistant managing direc-

tor of BBC Television. Her request for

Although a senior Guide spent a long time with an EastEnder re-

searcher and arranged for her to visit a

more accuracy was rejected.

ioner of the Girl Guides, had

Rolls-Royce. Mr David Elfer, did it. I have not made any

so I could invest my money, long term, in a British comwould be a criminal offence." Mr Knox-Brown, aged 52, of Oldham, Lancashire, pleaded not guilty to four sample charges of making illegal mul-

QC, for the prosecution, said:
"It is perfectly plain that this is a man who is part and any harm."

He had made applications for shares in British Gas using the address and christian He allegedly said: "All I set names of his neighbour, Mrs out to do was to get a Smith, and her son. He chan-reasonable amount of shares ged their surname to Brown. Another application was made for shares in the name of pany. I do not think that that Charles Keith Brown, who did not exist, it was alleged.

Brownie pack in preparation for the

four-month storyline, the programme

series portrayed the seven to 10-year-

olds as taking their boy friends to

camp, spending their time swilling lager and being involved in

character said of the fictional Walford

Brownie pack: "Two were done for

Walford. Three got caught trying to sucak out of a Wimpy Bar without

The BBC told the complaints

plifting before we even left

made in the name of the inspector's wife and son. All were funded by Mr Knox-Brown and all the shares remained in his possession, the jury was Mr Knox-Brown made six doing was wrong and I bitterly shares in British Gas in Decapplications for shares in British Gas and 12 for shares in person and I don't know why I in Rolls-Royce in May 1987.

Mr Knox-Brown paid those who helped him £20 as a "thankyou", it was alleged. The case continues today. BBC's lager-swilling Brownies earn rebuke

disparage the Brownies. The storyline had endeavoured to show some of the difficulties of running a Brownie pack in an inner city area. The shortcomings of the characters, Mo and Marge, were intended to be humorous.

Corporation chiefs admitted the ory-line was not up to the required standards of accuracy and plausibility.

Mrs Veronica Lupton Hird, of the
Girl Guides Association, said yesterday: "We shall be suggesting to EastEnders that they might like to include Brownies in fature programmes doing what Brownies really

Military coup leader pleads for help as looting mobs run riot across Ciskei

Pretoria sends in troops to quell wave of 'anarchy'

From Gavin Bell, Johannesbur

South African police and troops have been sent to the "independent" tribal homeland of Ciskei to halt widespread looting and rioting. sparked by a coup at the

Mr R.F. "Pik" Botha, the Foreign Minister, said the security forces were sent in vesterday to restore order and to protect threatened South African interests. The decision had been taken after an appeal for assistance from Brigadier Oupa Gozo, the former Ciskei military intelligence coup on Sunday morning.

As witnesses reported huge mobs rampaging throughout the territory, Mr Botha said one crowd was heading for government huildings in Bisho, the capital, with the intention of burning them down. Damage was estimated at millions of pounds, and there was a danger of the violence spilling into South

Official sources said the security contingent comprised police and army units, which had deployed in Bisho and the nearby town of Dimbaza within an hour of Brigadier Gqozo's appeal being

Residents said the turmoil appeared to be the result of anarchy, rather than opposition to the new ruling mili-tary council. The mobs had begun looting properties owned by Mr Sebe and memhers of his government, but had moved on to ransack and burn factories, supermarkets, liquor stores and petrol

Mr John Goldhill, an employee of a clothing company, said he saw more than 10,000 people overrunning an indus-

trial area on Sunday night. "We were lucky to get out in time. They were carrying out blankets, televisions, everything they could find. Every shop was being looted, it was a

He said he saw no Ciskei police or soldiers in the area. Other witnesses said a shop-

ng centre and a bus termin in Mdantsane, an industrial suburb of Bisho, had been reduced to smouldering ruins. Pretoria has not yet rec-

conized the military council now running the impovchief, who deposed President existed territory, which was Lennox Sebe in the bloodless granted nominal indepengranted nominal indepen-dence in 1981. Mr Botha said the priority was to stop the

> The Pan Africanist Congress yesterday snubbed attempts at chement with Mr Nelson Mandela and the ANC in the Zimbahwe capital, Harare.
> Mr Zephaniah Mothopeng,
> the PAC president, denounced Mr Mandela's overtures of reconciliation with whites. At the University of Zimbabwe Mr Mandela donned the robes of honorary doctor of law, awarded him in 1987. Leading article, page 15.

violence, and recognition was a political matter which would be considered later.

As the Sonth African forces moved in, Brigadier Gqozo appealed for calm at a mass rally in a sports stadium near the capital.

Shortly after seizing power, Brigadier Goozo accused the deposed regime of violence, corruption and nepotism, and said his ultimate goal was the reintegration of the homeland into South Africa.

He was cheered by local leaders of the African National Congress and the South African Communist Party, who favour the dismantling of

the controversial "bantustan" system. Pretoria apparently warned Mr Sebe, aged 63, of an impending coup before he flew from Johannesburg air-port on Friday on a trade mission to Hong Kong He was called out of the aircraft, but returned to continue his

It is uncertain whether he was confident that his army would resist the rebellion, or whether he had decided to flee. Mr Sebe, a former schoolmaster, was declared President for life by the Ciskei National Assembly in 1983.

Ciskei is unique among South Africa's black homelands in that it has no ethnic or linguistic basis. Separated from the Xhosa-speaking Transkei by a wedge of South African territory in the eastern Cape, it has the most congested and poverty-stricken resettlement camps in the

To pre-empt political opposition and resistance to heavy taxation, Mr Sebe set up a repressive security apparatus which enforced a state of emergency over a wide area. Trade unions were banned and their organizers were hounded from the territory.

The administrative capital at Bisho, said to be threatened by the mobs, was built in the early 1980s and comprises two presidential palaces, luxurious residences for ministers and bureaucrats, a huge office hlock for civil servants and a security police headquarters.

The strife is the latest in a history of internecine power struggles and conflicts with Transkei, which followed an inauspicious birth. At the "independence" celebrations, the soldier in charge of hoisting the new flag was drunk and the mast fell over.



Cashless take-away: Looters outside a store in Bisho, the capital of nominally independent Ciskei, after the military coup that overthrew President Sebe-

Troubles hit homelands

From Nicholas Beeston Johannesburg

This weekend's bloodless coup in Ciskei is the latest challenge to the South African system of

tribal homelands. Since the release of Mr Nelson Mandela last month and the announcement by President de Klerk that the future of the homelands is negotiable, most of the 10 homelands have been hit by a rash of strikes and violent

The campaign of civil disobedience, or-chestrated by pro-ANC youth, student and trade union activists demanding the territories reintegration into Sonth Africa, has erupted in most of the hlack-ruled administrations, where 10 million of South Africa's 27 million black population live.

In Ciskei, the notoriously brutal regime of President Lennox Sebe was overthrown by a pro-ANC military junta on Sunday which freed hundreds of imprisoned ANC activists and announced plans for the homeland to be reincorporated into South Africa. The unrest

has also affected Bophuthatswana, where hundreds of people have been arrested after a series of strikes and protests.

Also affected are the eastern bomeland of Gazankulu, where South African Defence Force troops have been drafted in to help to put down a widespread uprising that has left 16 people dead; Venda, where riot police have fired tear gas to break up a demonstration by hundreds of students; and neighouring Lebowa, where police opened have fire on stone-throwing youths. Even the Zulu leader, Chief Mangosuthu

Buthelezi of KwaZulu, who commands widespread loyalty among the country's largest tribe and is widely expected to be a key figure in any future negotiations, is finding his support being eroded by the ANC.

One notable exception in the recent unrest is the Xhosa tribal homeland of Transkei, Mr Mandela's birthplace and traditionally an ANC stronghold, where Major-General Bantu Holomisa, the military leader, is actively encouraging reintegration into South Africa and plans to hold a referendum on the issue.



WORLD ROUNDUP

Shamir set to ride out Likud storm

yesterday met senior ministers from his deeply divided Likud Party amid growing indications that a majority of Likud MPs and senior officials flatly oppose American terms for peace talks with the Palestinian delegation in Cairo (Richard Owen writes). They believe this will lead to talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization and even the redivision of Jerusalem.

But sources close to Mr Shamir said that, if the Israeli leader decides despite this revolt to recommend acceptance of the US plan - under "tremendous US pressure" - at tomorrow's meeting of the Cabinet, he would be able to carry the Cabinet with him and then ride out the resulting storm in Likud.

Labour, Likud's ecalition partner, was also riven hy differences on Sunday as the deadline it imposed two weeks ago for the acceptance of the terms laid down by Mr James Baker, the US Secretary of State, expires today.

Unita calls for truce

Luanda (Renter) - Rebel Angolan forces appealed for a ccasefire in their 15-year war with the Government yesterday as South Africa. Cuba and Angola met to review a regional peace accord which witt usher in Namihia's independence on March 21. Dr Jonas Savimhi, the rebel leader, told Unita radio that he was ready to accept an immediate ceasefire, organized by President Mobutu of Zaire if government troops would abandon military gains of the past two months. It was the first time that Unita rebels had admitted the Government had scored military victories recently. Government forces say that they have captured the key rebel-held town of Mavinga and twice bombed Unita headquarters at Jamba, deep in south-eastern Angola, during a military offensive begun in December.

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Enrile court ruling

Manila -- The Philippines Government of President Aquino faces a Supreme Court ruling today that would decide its test case of rebellion with murder against Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, the opposition leader (Vyvyan Tenorio writes). Mr Enrile, who is being detained in a suburban police headquarters, has petitioned the Supreme Court for his release, saying that the charges are "non-existent" in the Penal Code. He was arrested under a non-bailable offence of "rebellion with murder" which is punishable by life imprisonment, and a lesser offence of harbouring the rebet leader. Mr Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan. Mr Enrile's arraignment on the charge of rebellion with murder, scheduled for yesterday at the Quezon City regional trial court, was postponed pending the Supreme Court decision.

Lhasa clampdown

Peking - With the approach of Tibet's most sensitive anniversary, there are reports of tightened security around monasteries in Lhasa, the capital, as the authorities brace themselves for the possibility of renewed unrest (Catherine Sampson writes). Tanks have been stationed in front of the Jokhang monastery to intimidate would-be pro-independence protesters, sources said. Tibet's traditional prayer festival, Mon Lam, began last week, although in a severely limited fashion. In 1988, demonstrations broke out during Mon Lam and in the following year it was cancelled. But that led to the biggest demonstrations of all, a bloody crackdown by the Army in which dozens died, and the imposition of martial law a year ago this Wednesday at midnight.

Ship trial delayed

Piraeus (AP) - A three-member tribunal yesterday postponed the trial of an Italian captain accused of ramming a cruise ship carrying hundreds of British schoolchildren. Captain Flavio Caminale, aged 47, of Genoa, was formally charged in November, 1988, with manslaughter through negligence, causing serious bodily injury, causing a shipwreck, and ignoring shipping regulations after four people died in the collision outside this port city. A court source said that Captain Caminale was reportedly ill and could not come from Italy to attend the hearing and that a new trial date would be set. Two Greek crewmen, a British schoolteacher and a British girl, aged 14, died as a result of

Rafsanjani's brother in surprise Beirut visit

Tehran tries to speed up hostage deal

From Juan Carlos Gumucio, Beirut

release of foreign hostages. Informed sources said no final agreement has yet been reached.

The unexpected visit by Mr Mahmoud Hashemi Rafsaniani on Sunday night came only hours after talks with Mr Farouk al-Shara, the Syrian Foreign Minister, in Damaseus and prompted a new wave of speculation regarding the release of at least some of the 17 foreigners kidnapped by

pro-Iranian radicals. Officially, Mr Rafsanjani's trip to Beirut was described as the interests of the main technical. Iranian officials said that he came to Lebanon to discuss possible Iranian help in developing a new water project for the densely populated southern suburbs.

But informed sources said that Mr Rafsanjani also held private meetings with leading Muslim fundamentalists. including Sheikh Muhammad Husain Fadlallah. He was also any - could easily take believed to have extended a months. It is believed, for formal invitation to Mr Shara to visit Tehran and meet President Rafsanjani and lran's supreme leader,

Hoiatoleslam Ali Khamenei. Sheikh Fadlaliah last week to Tehran's demands. reinforced the belief that a solution for the hostage crisis Beirut, there is speculation for his attempt to assassinate the original 900,000 popula-

The brother of President may be within reach. In an that behind Iran's apparent Mr Shapour Bakhtiar, a for- tion hy about 120,000. More captives. "My instinct tells me

release) is positive," he said. Mr Rafsanjani's contacts m Beirut and Mr Shara's impending trip to Tehran were the latest signals that Sheikh Fadlallah's instincts could prove correct.

However, sources yesterday cautioned that a significant development could take weeks, given the complexities of the negotiations. Although protagonists - Iran, the United States, Syria and the Lebanese captors - appear to be gradually moving towards a common ground, there are still many crucial details waiting to be resolved.

Some political analysts in west Beirut believe that expectations have been placed too high and that progress - if example, that Iran's outspoken and enthusiasne disposition to help may be a manoeuvre to increase pressure on the Americans to yield

Rafsanjani of Iran has been in Beirut discussing with senior Shia Muslims details of an alleged loan to secure the alleged loan to secure the negotiations to try to obtain the release of foreign bestages.

The brothest of President Iranian Prime Minister, in 1980.

They are also demanding Iranian Michel Admerican Michel Admerican Iranian terms.

The release of foreign bestages the release of eight American Iranian Iran the release of eight American Despite denials by the Americans, Tehran's allies in Lebathat something was moving non insist that the Bush and the atmosphere (for the Adminstration is negotiating with Tehran and that the slow pace of these contacts in

President Rafsanjani: Seeks solution on Iranian terms. dicates that Washington is

hesitant about meeting certain conditions. According to Muslim militia sources, the Iranians have offered to help to solve the hostage crisis if the Americans persuade France to release Anis Naccache, a militant pro-In the rumour mill of Iranian Lebanese imprisoned

assets which were frozen by

the Carter Administration in 1979 and American pressure to win the release of 15 pro-Iranian militants iailed in Kuwait President Rafsanjani already appears to have convinced his most radical rivals,

who until recently were ardently opposed to any negotiations with the Americans over the hostage issue. An indication of this change came on Sunday when Tehran's Kayhan newspaper, re-

garded as the mouthpiece of the hardliners led hy the former Interior Minister, Mr Ali Akbar Mohtashemi, forecast that "the hostage file will be closed by mid-summer". • Christian peace: Lebanon's police. An Aoun aide said a Christians enjoyed their most peaceful day in more than a month of war yesterday as

peace (Reuter reports). Traffie clogged the rubblestrewn streets of the Christian enclave while many of the remaining residents ventured out under cloudy skies, some

for the first time in weeks. Hundreds joined the exodus battles should stop while a to safety which has already cut final peace settlement was

Political sources said the mediators worked to turn new peace moves followed the battle fatigue into lasting apparent failure of General Aoun's drive against the Lebanese Forces, which control two-thirds of the enclave, its

within grasp.

ports and main power station. A senior Christian leader said General Aoun had to realize he had lost militarily and the

ened with excommunication

on Friday unless they stopped

fighting, silenced their guns on

said mediators shuttled across

barricades separating the ri-

vals for talks on implementing

a peace plan largely ignored

since it was agreed last month.

military operations and agree-

ment on the future military

role of the 10,000-strong Leba-

nese Forces. It was General

Aoun's demand that the

Forces disarm that sparked

the war. Political sources said

both sides had agreed to

reopen roads, disengage forces

and hand over security to the

comprehensive pact was

The plan calls for an end to

Christian political sources

Sunday night.

Muslim militants target belly-dancers

Islamic militants in Egypt, traditionally one of the most tolerant countries in the Arah world, have launched a campaign against the Oriental art of belly-dancing and threatened violence against the estimated 22,000 professional dancers who continue to deny their claim that the exotic dance

The threats of violence, which have prompted many of the nation's star performers, such as Miss Fift Abdou and Miss Nagwa Fuad, to employ round-the-clock teams of personal bodyguards, have been accompanied hy a controversial Islamic lawsuit now before the Cairo courts designed to force the Government to shut all belly-dancing venues for good.

The battle against belly-dancing is the latest tactic in the violent struggle by the Muslim fundamentalists to turn Egypt into an Iranian-style theocratic state where, despite a substantial Christian Coptie minority. strict adherence to Islamic Sharia law would be enforced.

The extremists, thought to total 150,000 in a population of 54 million, have already mounted an ugly campaign against more routine theatrical performances where women appear

the luxury Heliopolis Sheraton hotel on stage and decreed that the only acceptable instrument for public performance is the tambourine.

At a national conference in Cairo's Gezira Cluh last month, delegates called for a ban on the import of all foreign liquor and public flogging for drug offenders in accordance with Sharia. Symbolically, the club, once a

6 Banning this part of Egyptian culture is seen as a crucial step to an Islamic state 9

favoured centre for the capital's decadent lifestyle, has been dry for some years.

As well as increasing internal tensions between the main religions (which again broke into rioting in southern Egypt last Friday) and causing apprehension among the mass of ordinary Muslims, the accelerating campaign for Sharia is also posing a threat to tourism, one of Egypt's main foreign currency

The dangers were underlined last week when initial reports suggested that Islamie arsonists had set fire to after making repeated threats against its nightclub and policy of selling

It was subsequently claimed officially that the hlaze in which 17 people died had begun accidentally in a decorative tent used as a restaurant and a belly-dancing venue. In a statement published in The

Egyptian Gazette, the staid English-language daily, Mr Mahmoud el-Khodari, jailed leader of one of the many fundamentalist splinter groups now opposing the moderate Government of President Mubarak, announced that his followers would flog any belly-dancer caught performing.

"We beat up belly-dancers we find to deter them from performing." declared Mr Khodari, aged 36, who was arrested last month for allegedly leading a group trying to set fire to a police car while its driver was still

The clash occurred after police had shot dead another fundamentalist

In response to the threats, nightclub owners have taken their own extensive security measures designed to prevent the recurrence of the recent incident when a Cairo belly-dance

eluh was burnt out after being attacked with petrol bombs. Armed police man roadblocks in the main entertainment districts in an attempt to deter the extremists, and identity checks on approach roads are frequent.

The court case against belly-dancing was filed by Mr Galal Khalil Abdulrahman, the prominent fundamentalist lawyer, who argued that even though Egypt's constitution was not Islamic as such, it still elaimed inspiration from Sharia law.

"What takes place in these nightclubs - drinking and belly-dancing - is a violation of Islamie law," he said, when proposing the watershed case on which a final judgement is expected in a few months.

"It is immoral and should be stopped."

The co-ordinated campaign against belly-dancing has also been carried to the floor of Egypt's Parliament where Mr Maamoun el-Hodeibi, a member of the Islamic Alliance, an umbrella group which includes members of the banned Muslim Brotherhood, described the popular art form which is believed to have originated in Ancient Persia and has many imitators in the West, as "adulterous filth".

Falkland visit's delicate diplomacy

The visit to the South Atlantic last week hy Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Defence, reawakened one of the most sensitive of Whitehall debates how to play the Falklands card with Argentina.

The Ministry of Defence believes that Britain must continue to maintain a strong military presence in the islands to meet the threat from Buenos Aires.

The Foreign Office, on the other hand, wants the language used by ministers and Falklands military personnel to be carefully tailored to avoid upsetting President --Menem of Argentina, who has so far agreed to keep the question of sovereignty over the islands on the back hurner. It thinks it is in Britain's ' interests to show support for ... President Menem, because he offers the best chance of

improved relations. Agreement was reached last month to renew diplomatie ties and lift the 150-mile military protection zone on March 31.

Mr King's visit to the islands so soon after the agreement was coincidental. But it meant that anything he said which could be seen as provocative towards Argentina would be frowned on in the Foreign Office.

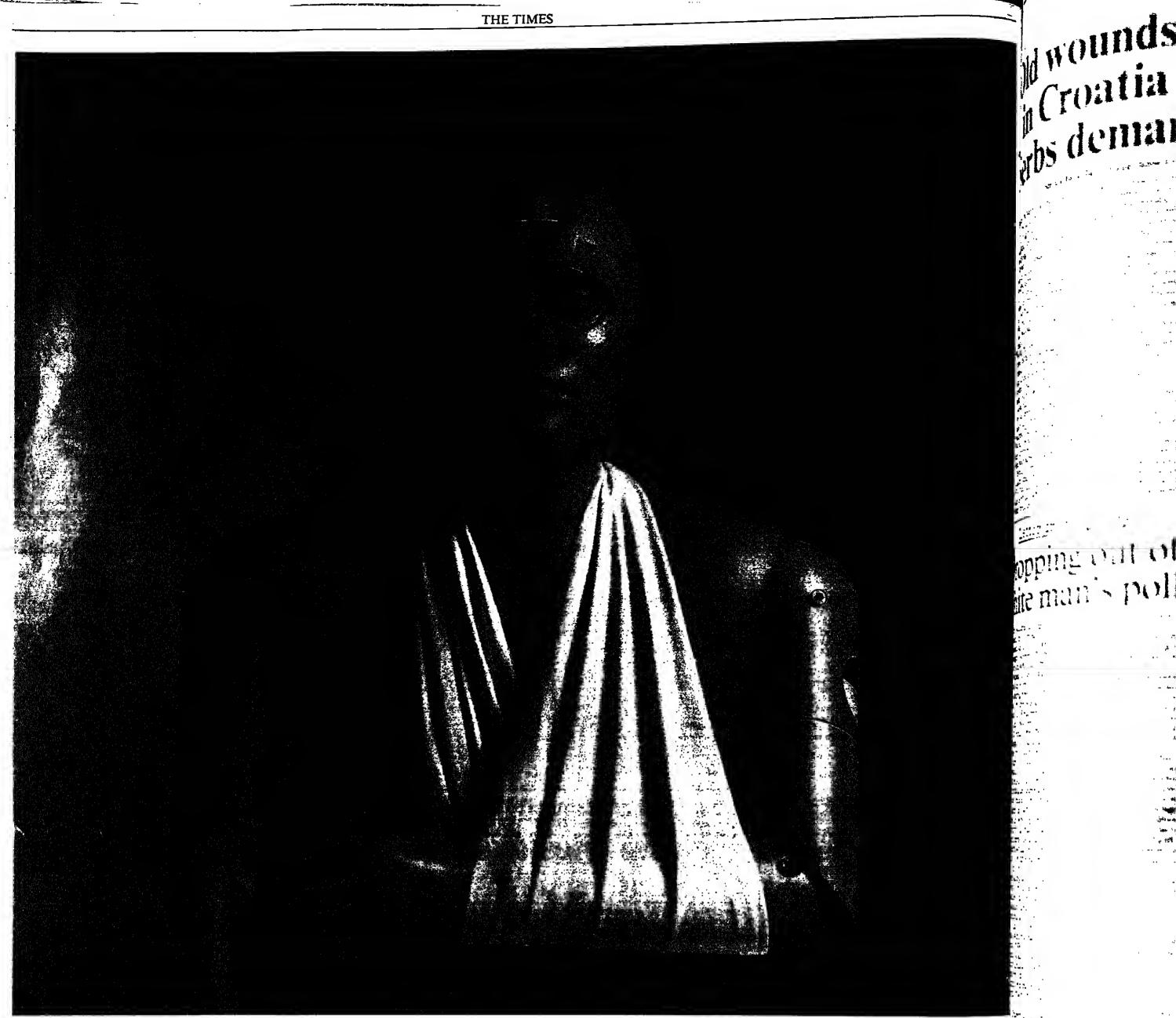
Mr King's dilemma became apparent in his press conference the day after arriving in the Falklands when Major-General Paul Stevenson, commander of the British Forces here, was asked whether there could be a cut in the British garrison strength now that diplomatic ties were renewed.

The Royal Marines general was unequivocal in his opposition to cuts, and gave his opinion that Argentina needed to become much more stable and the armed forces put on a more "level keel".

Mr King, quickly noting that this was a political matter, spoke more diplomatically, emphasizing that he did not envisage any "immediate" change in force levels.

The 2.000 islanders, however, maintain an in-built suspicion of the Foreign Office - and never reticent about their ill feelings towards Argentina, are already preparing a less than friendly reception for the families of the Argentinians killed in the Falklands conflict, who are to pay their respects at the war cemetery about five miles

from Goose Green. There could be demonstrations when they arrive.



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Old wounds reopen in Croatia as the Serbs demand arms

From Richard Bassett and Dessa Trevisan, Belgrade

Crosts, crucial to the preservation of Yugoslavia's unity, elections in two months. deteriorated yesterday after a 50,000 strong demonstration by Serbian nationalists in Croatia on Sunday night.

The demonstrators gathered around Petrova Gora, a mountain in central Croatia, waving Serbian flags and carrying portraits of Mr Slobodan Milosevic, the Ser-

Shouting "Give us arms", the demonstrators appeared Croatian authorities, but despite several hours of protests poening historic wounds the

police stood passively by.
There has been a Serbian There has been a Serbian nationalist Croat party, led by Community at Petrova Gora for centuries. During the Second World War it was a partisan stronghold, fighting off Croats who served the prooff Croats who served the pro-Nazi Pavelic regime. The Serbs claim that more than

Relations between Serbs and for its parliamentary elections, party led by the writer Mr

Many parties have sprung up in Croatia to contest these elections, but the 500,000 by the wayside. Serbs living in Croatia are unwilling to take part. They have founded their own Democratic Party, which is committed to looking towards
Belgrade and Mr Milosevic
rather than towards Zagreb

and Croatia. At Sunday night's demon-stration, most of the shouting determined to provoke the bailed Mr Milosevic and his policies of greater centralization.

These have led to the formation of a radical

cratic Community Party be-beves that Croatia's historic 700,000 of their kinsmen died. frontiers should be extended Unlike Serbia, which last to include Bosnia. As the November rejected pluralism Serbian extreme nationalist

Croatia is committed to free Vouk Draskovic also lays claim to Bosnia, conflict ap-

Moderate parties are falling by the wayside. At a recent convention in Zagreb, Dr Tudman even said the coll-aborationist Pavelic state represented the aspirations of

This provoked allegations that Dr Tudman was a cryptofascist. Dr Tudman published yesterday a statement distancing himself from the Pavelic

regime.

Most of the Croats purged in 1971 by Tito, however, are lending their support to a coalition of moderate Croatian opposition parties. Relations between Serbia

and Croatia deteriorated in

January when the Croats supported the Slovenes at the party congress in Belgrade. Since then the communist party in Croatia has been portraying its future along the lines of a Western European

Royal visit for the Romanian survivors



Princess Helen, daughter of Romania's excled King Michael, visiting survivors of the uprising in December at the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital Stammore, Middlesex. Mr Cioran Anton, aged 35, centre, and Mr Pobesca Calin, aged 24, are receiving specialist treatment there for their injuries social democratic party.

Letter from Sydney

Dropping out of white man's poll

of Eveleigh Street. Nobody messages. It ignores the genwho lives down that bottle- eral election: in Redfern, the strewn, bleak little road has poll does not exist. ever voted or ever will.

oster in any of the forlorn, derelict roads in this classic this way, because there are no votes to be had. People say

from a ghetto-blaster. People ootside their crumbling his latest. houses, smoking and drinking chesp whisky in the afternooo sun; a police car prowls by, and is hissed until it disappears around a corner.

Bayles, an Aboriginal from Queensland. "We call them "We call them pigs." Dreadlocks flow across his shoulders and a thick black beard hides most of his face. He wears nothing but a pair of green shorts, "which is all I

He left Queensland years ago because it was "a police state". He says he refuses to work for wages because that would be bowing to the white man's system. "For a long time I was a good little black boy trying to act like a good little white boy. No more, brother, oo more."

Mr Bayles once went to the United States oo a six-month agricultural education tour financed by Quakers. He saw Indian tribes from California to Maine and found nothing but tragedy and ruin. It changed his life.

"There is oo difference between them and us. We share the same white man's oppression, except theirs has been going on for longer. The Aboriginal can still be saved. That is why I have stopped trying to be white."

Eveleigh Street is a place "where whites fear to tread", according to a recent Sydney newspaper headline. Taxi drivers will not go there after dark. Police occasionally raid it in search of drugs and stolen goods. The ragged neighbourhood held a protest march last week against police tactics.

Round the corner on Cope Street, inside a half-derelict

election campaign has Radio Redfern sends out a failed to stir the people stream of "black awareness"

In a tiny soundproof room Only Aborigines live there, cluttered with tape recorders marooned in the black inner- and microphones, an ancity district of Redfern in the shadow of Sydney's skyscrapers. It could be Philadelphia, Chicago or the Bronx.
There is not one political
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Mr Bob McLeod ("that's my given English name"), an ghetto. No politician ventures Aboriginal drugs and alcohol counsellor, sits around humming tunes. He says he is of elections are a white man's the Yuin people near Wallaga ways, alien to Aborigines. Lake. He is famous in Redfern Music from a band called as a songwriter, particularly Black Brothers pounds out songs about Mother Earth, from a ghetto-blaster, People "We never see the rainbows in sit dreamily oo the pavement the tears in mother's eyes", is

He says Aborigines turn to drink and drugs because of displacement from the land and loss of self-respect. "It is said that our culture has been Culture is spirit form and cannot be taken away. What we have lost is pride."

Statements of separation are everywhere in Redfern: there is the Aboriginal Dance Theatre, the Aborigioal Health Centre and the Aboriginal Medical Service. A boarded-up house used to accommodate the Aboriginal Theatre and Cultural Centre. but it was closed long ago because of some dispute.

The seething question of Aboriginal rights is not an election issue, and the Aborigines of Redfern do not care. They are angry and apathetic. Nobody eveo knows what the issues are. There is much scoffing when it is pointed out that mortgage interest rates will probably determine the outcome.

"There's got to be a song in that," Mr McLeod says, grabbing a pencil. "All these white fellas ever talk about is mortgages, house prices and pen-

sions. What a system." Radio Redfern, which has a range of about 20 miles and broadcasts on a miouscule budget for 40 hours a week, is still advertising Africa Night, which is being held on March 24 - election day. It is Redfern's unmistakable answer to the white man's election. The anouncer says African food will be on sale, and the Black Brothers will be "Sufferin' io the

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Nine are killed in Kashmir shoot-out

Srinagar (Renter) — At least state's summer capital, Srinagar, and officials said a passer-by died when he was mir as security forces fought to caught in the crossfire. quell a Muslim separatist revolt, witnesses said. Of- said that four paramilitary ficials confirmed a total of policemen and two civilians four dead, including a noncommissioned army officer shot by one of his own men in Baramulla, near the Pakistan

town, elso wounded a colonel. They declined to say why the bouring Pakistan.

soldier opened fire. Witnesses said

unity force men when Indian break in the curfew in the two deaths there.

Earlier police sources had

died in the gun battle.

Indian security forces have sought to enforce a curfew on Srinagar for much of the past six weeks of revolt to Jammu The officials said that the and Kashmir, India's only soldier, who had been detailed Muslim majority state, where to enforce a curfew in the militants demand independence or secession to oeigh-

Witnesses said three dem-Witnesses said Muslim onstrators were shot dead in militants shot dead four sec- an anti-Indian protest in Bandipore, 35 miles north of authorities allowed a brief Sringer. Officials confirmed

Reformers take first-round lead in Soviet elections From Mary Dejevsky Missow Preliminary results from the Soviet republics of Russia. Belornesia and success tratrially to that success tratrially to the two bishard and the results are recorded in an official and the results are recorded in an official and the results are recorded in an official are recorded in a



Mr Boris Yeltsin: Voted into

Ukraine indicate a strong showing by reformist and nationalist candidates inside and outside the Communist Party.

But the majority of parliamentary and city council seats will have to be decided in a second round of elections in two weeks'

Among those who appear to have won seats outright in Sunday's polling to the Russian Federation's supreme soviet are the radical, Mr Boris Yeltsin, who was standing in his home city of Sverdlovsk in the Urals, three members of the central leadership - Mr Vitali Vorotnikov, a Polithuro member, Mr Aleksandr Vlasov, the Prime Minister of the Russian Federation; and Mr Yuri Manayenkov, the Central Com-mittee Secretary — and several leading journalists in Moscow and

The journalists include Mr Vladislav Starkov, editor of the contentious Moscow journal, Argumenty i Fakty, who survived a Politburo threat to dismiss him at the end of last year for printing

their unconditional support. Argumenty i Fakty has the biggest circulation of any Soviet journal, printing 33 million copies a week.

In Moscow, the reformists also did well in the first round, with Mr Sergei Stankevich, a Yeltsinite Moscow deputy to the federal Supreme Soviet, being elected outright to the city council. Another leading figure in the parliamentary Inter-Regional Group, the economist Mr Gavril Popov, goes into the second round with a convincing lead.

Both are well known to Soviet voters from their confident oratory in televised sessions of the Supreme Soviet

To be elected in the first round, a candidate must obtain at least 50 per cent of the votes cast - a difficult feat when more than three candidates are standing.

Although a few candidates were unchallenged, there were on ayerage seven candidates for each seat in the Russian Federation, with some constituencies fielding more than 20. Most candidates are

In some cases the two will both be representing reformist programmes, but the majority are likely to see one radical reformist pitted against an experienced and mildly reform-minded public

Sunday's elections, at least in the cities, assumed a more party political character than previous Soviet elections because many

• An electoral official remarked with glee that one candidate attracted no votes at all

candidates had organized them-selves into policy blocs. However, as the blocs were not shown on the ballot paper — which gave only the candidate's current joh and nominating organization — many people complained that they had no way of knowing the allegiance of a particular candidate.

Votes are counted by hand at

After the polling station has announced its results, the protocol, together with the ballot papers (wrapped in brown paper and ried up with string), are forwarded to the relevant central election commission. In Moscow, there are three: one for the districts of the capital, one for the Moscow City Council, and the third co-ordinating the results for the Russian Federation supreme soviet.

The results are checked before

collation and a recount is ordered if any discrepancy is found. Some local polling stations had primitive calculators, but most of the arithmetic was done on scraps of paper. In the eerie basement of central

Moscow's Oktyabr cinema on Sunday night, the local count was completed three and a half hours after the polls closed without any of the barracking and razzmatazz associated with British elections. None of the candidates made an appearance, and the only people resent were commission members. Members of the public are

since 6am - an hour before the polls opened - and relieved to have encountered no greater complication than minor problems with mental arithmetic.

One of the officials remarked with evident glee that one can-didate for the Moscow city council had attracted no votes at all. He was a Communist Party official engaged in housing administration -about the least popular combination of functions anyone could have in Moscow today.

• KIEV: Life was returning to normal in the Ukraine yesterday. after Sunday's elections, but there have been few pointers so far as to the fate of the ruling communist party or the success of the new breed of democrats and nanonalists who are opposing it (Nick Wnrrall writes).

Result collators at the Ukraine national movement, Rukh, say the turn-out had been high and were predicting a 100 per cent sweep of seats in western Ukraine, where the nationalist following is strongest. The Rukh leader, Mr Ivan Drach,

second round — only one had been decided in the first ballot. That seat, said the Rukh team, was won by a candidate backed by the Communist Party. The Ukraine's party boss, Mr Vladimir Ivashko. had won through to a second round where he will fight another Communist for his seat.

The election did not produce a straight fight between Rukh nationalists and the communist party. The party did not field "official" candidates because it does not yet recognize a multiparty system in the USSR, even though, at Mr Gorbachov's insistence, the party's monopoly of power looks likely to be abolished. As for Rukh, it cannot yet officially call itself a party. It was not formally legalized as an organization until two weeks ago, which effectively prevented it from organizing a proper campaign.

With nearly 3,000 standing for the 450 seats in the Ukraine, supreme soviet voters in some districts had to choose from up to twenty or more candidates.

Defiant Kohl risks coalition backlash over Polish stand

From Ian Murray, Bonn

Given the strongest backing by the leaders of his Christian Democrats yesterday, the West German Chancellor, Herr Helmut Kohl, remained likely. defiant about his two new preconditions for guaranteeing Poland's western border.

His attitude has infuriated reopen this can of worms." leaders of the Free Democrats (FDP), junior partners in the under attack from within his government coalition, and the CDU risks being deserted by a debate on the issue in the Bundestag on Thursday.

Far from altering his stance in the face of enormous domestic and internationaol criticism, Herr Kohl emerged the CDU praesidium to claim considerable grassroot that he would be "criminally that he would be "criminally support.

negligent" if he abandoned his latest claims which were "the Herr Kohl was damned for "a legitimate desire of the German people".

Recognition of the present western Polish border had to "lie on the table" along with his demand that Poland must promise not to ask for an further war reparations and must sign a further treaty guaranteeing the cultural rights of the 500,000 to 700,000 ethnic Germans still living in western Poland.

As for reparations, the Chancellor said that, despite a Polish waiver in 1953, Warsaw had an ongoing claim for compensation for forced labour, which mentioned "a fantastic amount".

On recognition of the border, Herr Kohl repeated that the Bundestag and the freely elected Volkskammer could pass an identical motion on the border but this would need to be endorsed and ratified by a united German government and parliament.

Saying he could not understand what all the fuss was about, he went off for a 90minute meeting with Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, his Foreign Minister, an FDP member and his chief critic on the issue. "I don't think we are really all that far apart," the

Chancellor said. Neither would make a statement after their meeting and the two will have to resume the discussion again today at the regular meeting between leaders of the three ruling coaliting parties.

To judge by the angry comments yesterday of Count Otto Lambsdorff, the FDP

Count Lambsdorff said: "I just don't know how in heavens name he got the idea to

The Chancellor is also

own party. Herr Heiner Geissler, whom he sacked as them when the opposition secretary general of the CDU Social Democrats (SPD) force last summer, has called for a clear statement of intent to recognise the border as a basic precondition for European peace and German unity. Herr Geissler, who is still deputy chairman of the CDU, speaks from a two-hour meeting of for its liberal wing and retains

3,000 refugees pour in daily Bonn - The number of ethnic

West Germany has been averaging almost 3,000 a day this year, according to figures released yesterday which showed that 186,162 had been registered up until Sunday evening (Ian Murray writes). About two-thirds have come from East Germany, with the remaining arriving from Poland, the Soviet Union and Romania. The influx is prompting left- and right-wing. politicians to call for ways of

policy of adventurism" by Herr Horst Ehmke, the deputy SPO leader in the Bundestag. It was an "unbelievable event", be said that for election reasons the Chancellor was running after the right

dissuading the refugees.

radical Republican party.
But the Chancellor believes he represents far more Germans than those in the Republican party in seeking to defer a final renunciation of any rights to Silesia, Pomerania and East Prussia. After the war up to 7 million Germans were deported from lands that had been under - sometimes disputed - German rule for and numerous lobby of

crimes of the last war is concerned, West Germany has handed over some DM11,000 leader, no common position is million to Poland and last November launched an aid package worth another DM3,000 million.

But the Chancellor wants to reserve as much aid money as possible for East Germany. • EAST BERLIN: Herr Kohl's attempt to tie the guarantee of the existing Polish western frontier to Waraw's renunciation of war

East Germany. With less than two weeks to polling day, the German Social Alliance, which has made up ground on the dominant Social Democrats in recent weeks, found its campaigning interrupted by voters' ques-

tions on the topic. Herr Lothar de Maiziere of the East German Christian Democratic Party issued reassurances that his party considered the Polish border irrevocable. "We should do or say nothing that causes further concern to our neighbours especially those who have suffered at German hands in the past," he said.

Herr Kohl's eastern sister party has so far refused to comment directly on his statement although sources speak of "disappointment and confusion" at this tactic.

Herr de Maiziere, together with Herr Wolfgang Schnur, of Democratic Awakening and Herr Hans Wilhelm Ebeling, of the German Social Union, which make up the conservative alliance is unhappy with the tone and demands of the Chancellor on the Polish question.

They will hold talks this the week on how the difference with Bonn should be tackled as the election nears. All three conservative parties in East Germany support the existing Polish border although the fact was omitted from the alliance's declaration asking for support from Bonn.

East Germany's relations with Poland, glossed over by the previous regimes in both countries with assurances of centuries. They form a strong mutual solidarity, have been and numerous lobby of expellees" in West Germany.

As far as paying for the Nazi closing of the border in 1981.

The first is the vexed procedure for incorporating East Germany in the EC. Article 237 of the Treaty of Rome

enin falls at last to American knowhow



Toppled from grace: The 12-ton statue of Lenin in Bucharest being removed by workers yesterday after three days of efforts using local equipment failed. The 30 ft-high brouze figure was hauled off its pedestal by an American crane. Its removal was a sign of how the nation is removing traces of communism.

Genscher briefs EC on moves to unity

Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher. the West German Foreign Minister, arrived here yes-terday afternoon to brief his European partners on the latest moves toward German reunification and on his tough talks earlier in the day with Herr Helmut Kohl, the West

German border with Poland. His visit precedes the Chancellor's key meeting here with Nato allies on Thursday and comes as the European Community begins an intensive round of preparations for the

Germany into the EC. The special team of Commissioners dealing with Ger-man affairs will meet on Thursday to look at the latest developments in the negotiations between East and West Germany on monetary union.

The five-man team will also continue the legal and finan-cial analysis of East German accession and draw up a list of the issues that must be settled in negotiations with Bonn.

but did not foresce the territorial enlargement of existing members.

In many respects therefore, East Germany will be treated as a new applicant, negotiating special arrangements in at least five areas where Com-German Chancellor, on the munity law cannot immediately be applied: agriculture, the environment, social policy, competition and

budgetary matters. The common agricultural policy may be the first stumhling block for Bonn. As the mminent integration of East influence of the Bavarian smallholders diminishes after reunification, the policy will become ever less attractive as the prospect looms of vast surpluses generated by a more efficient use of the big farms in

the East. The social charter is also losing its shine: Bonn does not want centralized enforcement by Brussels of social policy that would be extremely costly to implement in the East, and would destroy overnight the competitive benefits of a lowcost economy in the former

East Germany. The 1992 programme of

From Michael Binyon, Brussels provides for new members, market liberalization and access to substantial EC re- German monetary union, they Are competition policy, until now commanding strong support in West Germany, could also

> go sour unless a generous transition phase can be negotiated for the East. Similarly, tough environmental legislation, once a prime German demand, cannot be implemented immediately, and Bonn will ask for

lengthy exemptions from EC pollution standards. In return, however, a reunified Germany will expect



yesterday with Herr Kohl.

investment in the East, Bonn fight if these are at the expense of Greece, Ireland and the Iberian peninsula.

But German officials say East Germany cannot be discriminated against, and if this urgent by reunification, Bonn contributor to the EC budget, then the other member states will have to pay more.

Bonn believes that all these issues are negotiatable. It is keeping Brussels informed at every stage of its monetary negotiations with the East, inviting Herr Martin Bange-mann, the Commissioner leading the EC German affairs team, to attend any Cabinet meetings on issues concerning Europe. Bonn has so far been encouraged by the Commission's co-operation, but disappointed by the cool re-

sponse from member states. The Germans argue that they are making great efforts to demonstrate their continuing commitment to European integration. In the current negotiations on inter-

gional funds to stimulate will not allow anything to hinder EC plans for economic knows there will be a bitter and monetary union. The Bundesbank will defend the Deutschmark and stick by its rigid anti-inflationary policy. On institutional reform of the Community, made more

Minister

means that Germany will no is willing to forgo any claim to longer be so large a net a greater voice in EC decisionmaking. Despite a population that will be 20 million larger than any other member, it wants no extra Commissigners, no added votes in the weighted voting system and no extra seats in the European Parliament.

"This is part of our solidarity with Europe," one of Herr Kohl's advisers said. "We only want our European partners to show the same solidarity with us. And frankly, many of them have not been making it easy."

Bonn is hurt by suspicions that it is drifting East. For West Germany, membership of the EC is a bedrock policy that has been wholly beneficial. More than Nato, the Community has become almost an ersatz Vaterland.

German issue for Warsaw Pact

From Peter Green

Warsaw Pact foreign ministers will meet for a day in Prague on March 17 to discuss German reunification, Mr Jiri Dienstbier, the Czechoslnyak Foreign Minister, annunced in Prague

"We do insist that each nation has the right to self-determination, and that even the Germans cannot be denied this. But German reunification is closely linked with the unification of Europe as a whole," Mr Dienstbier said after returning from visits to Nato and European Community officials in Brussels.

"In no way are we against the idea of a reunited Germany, we only hope the reunification of Germany becomes instrumental in speeding up the Helsinki process and the formation of new institutions of world and European security," Mr Dienstbier added.

Mr Lubos Dobrovsky, the Foreign Ministry spokesman, added that the Warsaw Pact ministers would discuss the consequences of German reunification, as well as "new multilateral security

"We assume the standpoint of the other members will be close to ours," Mr Dobrovsky said.

The Soviet Union, Poland and East Germany had all "responded positively" to the call for the meeting.

As East Germans go to the polls on Sunday, March 18, in their first free parliamentary elections since the Wiemar Republic, the other Warsaw Pact nations have begun to worry at the increasing speed of reunification.

The Poles are especially concerned about West German reluctance to formally renounce all territorial claims to former German territory incorporated into Poland at the end of the Second World War. The Polish Government has demanded a seat at the "two plus four" talks on German reunification involving the four victorious Allied powers -Britain, the United States, France and the Soviet Union - and the two German

Mr Dienstbier reaffirmed the Czechoslovak position that Europe's borders must not be questioned anew.

The convening of a Warsaw Pact meeting reinforces the position of many of the Pact members that while the organization may be militarily moribund, its political usefulness can still be exploited.

Mr Dienstbier made clear that he sees the Pact's continuing relevance as its

members seek their place in a new European order. "I believe the Warsaw Pact, if it is really transformed into a political organization of members with equal rights, has a significant role to play in the future, as much as Nato, in disarmament negotiations.

"When two pacts meet, it is easier than trying to reach an agreement made by, say 35, countries on a bilateral basis." Just what the Czechoslnvaks and their Warsaw Pact partners hope will come out of the meeting is not quite clear.

A Nato diplomat in Prague said that the Warsaw Pact countries are expecting the pace of change to accelerate after the March 18 elections. "They are interested in seeing it

become more of a political animal, and in that context the March 17 meeting could be a way for states in the region to jointly present their points of view on unification." The Warsaw Pact members are obvi-

new Germany, Mr Dienstbier also confirmed the April 9 summit meeting in Bratislava, Czechoslovakia, of the heads of state of Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia, with Austria, Yugoslavia and Italy attending as observers.

ously hoping to influence the shape of a

Hungarian row over Soviet troops

Pressure grows for early pull-out

From Ernest Beck, Bodapest

The Hungarian Government, under growing pressure from opposition parties to push for a quick withdrawal of Soviet troops, yesterday agreed to include its demands in the Hungarian negotiating position at talks with the Soviet Union on a total pull-out of their forces.

After coming under attack for proposing a deadline of June, 1991, instead of one year earlier as the opposition wants, Mr Miklos Nemeth, the Hungarian Prime Minister, said he would meet all the main parties tomorrow to brief them on the discussions and would incorporate their suggestions into the Hungarian proposals.

He said, however, that any important change in the Hungarian position at this late date could jeopardize a final agreement, which is expected Foreign Minister, visits Mosup by disagreement over a final date for the withdrawal and by transport problems due to congestion at the border station at Csap, which will also serve as a crossing point for the Soviet pull-out from Czechoslovakia.

Several of the 12 main opposition parties which attended a "national summit" vesterday with the Government questioned the legitimacy of the current administration to sign a deal with Moscow on the troop withdrawal. It is dominated by the Socialist Party and is expected to be swept out of office after multi-party elections in three

They have suggested that an agreement be signed in prin-

to be signed on March 10 ciple calling for troops to be when Mr Gyula Horn, the out within three months and weapons and other materials cow. The talks have been held at a later date to be set by the new government, the first non-Communist one in Hungary in more than 40 years.

> Withdrawal of the 50,000 Soviet soldiers, along with tanks, artillery and other military equipment has become an important campaign issue as the opposition presses the Socialists to take a tougher line with Moscow.

> Meanwhile, Mr Nemeth has given more details about his revelation last week that the Interior Ministry uncovered a plot to stage a military coup last November by disgruntled local leaders of the former Hungarian communist party who wanted to stop the country's transition to democracy. Mr Nemeth told the nat-

Hungary's energy supplies in order to prompt industrial unrest and, finally, a popular uprising against the new-reformist leadership of the Socialist Party after its congress in October. Rumours that the plan called for the help of Romanian and

people had played with the idea" but did not take it any

further after probably realiz-

ing they had been discovered

the National Security Service,

added that the plan apparently

called for the disruption of

Colonel Lajos Nagy, head of

by the intelligence service.

Czechoslovak forces proved unfounded, Colonel Nagy said. Mr Nemeth was severely criticized by the opposition and the press for not providing more information about

who was behind it, or eviional summit that "some dence that it had existed at all. THE TIMES TUESDAY MARCH 6 1990

Labour invites Newton to 'do a Walker'

Pensioners' incomes rose by over 30 per cent between 1979 and 1987, Mr Tony Newton, Secretary of State, Social Security, said at question

Latest figures also showed that between 1974 and 1979 their total income rose by 3 per cent. The figures were dismissed by a Labour spokesman who urged Mr Newton to "do a Walker" and leave office.

Mr Paul Flynn, an Oppo-sition spokesman on social security, said that Labour was more impressed by the news that top people had increased their incomes by 28 per cent in a single

"The rich are becoming richer on a prodigious scale and the poor are becoming poorer very rapidly. Does he not find himself filled with self disgust at his role? Is he not tempted to leave office and do a runner or, as we say in Wales, do a

Mr Newton said that, between 1974 and 1979, pensioners' average total net incomes rose by 3 per cent in real terms. Newly acquired figures now showed that, between 1979 and showed that, between 1979 and 1987, they rose by over 30 per

ment were denied by Mr Tony
Newton, Secretary of State for
Social Security, during question
time in the Commons.

Answering a question about the future of the benefit, Mr

Newton said that the Govern-ment had no plans to do other

than what it was committed to

doing, which was to review child benefit, year by year.

Ms Dawn Primarolo (Bristol South, Lab) started the ex-

changes by asking what would be the cost of uprating child benefit to bring it to the same

Mr Newton: About £635 million net in this financial year.

level in real terms as in 1984.

rising more quickly than those of the population at large.

Mr David Harris (St Ives, C) said that the substantial record of the Government was far more important that the rhetoric of the Opposition Labour had a miserable record.

Mr John Battle (Leeds West, Lab) said that, with the removal of transitional arrangements for housing benefit, those on in-come support were finding their increase in pensions this year had been wiped out.

Mr Newton did not think that that point stood up.

Mr Andrew Bowden (Brigh-ton, Kemptown, C) saked him to look carefully at the wartime generation of pensioners. Many were unable to save or own their homes. They had not shared fully in the increased standards of living.

Mr Newton: We have very much sought to direct extra help to those who do not have savings and occupational penappeared to be a tax on thrift and prudence if people lost the

Mrs Marion Roe (Brox-bourne, C) asked for the most recent figures for the change in pensioners' incomes from

The answer to Mr Flynn's Mr Newton said that between some two years ago in relation to housing benefit and rate Pensioners' incomes had been erage income from savings had

'Child benefit stays' pledge

Derbyshire, C) said that it would not be sensible to use that huge sum of money to help all families, but it should go to help

the lowest paid. If the Govern-ment wished to help the poorest,

modest changes in the tax rules

on benefit would assist mem-bers of those families that wished to get back to work.

Mr Newton said that he

would pass that suggestion on to the Chancellor of the Ex-

It was a fact that more than £1

billion of expenditure on child benefit went to 1.75 million families with incomes above

tion of people retiring received income from occupational pen-

proposition overall was just over half, but among more recently retired pensioners it was about three-quarters.

Mr David Winnick (Walsall North, Lab) said that instead of trying to defend the shabby way pensioners were penalized and lost rebates because of their savings, the minister should have the guts to do what the Secretary of State for Wales, Mr Peter Walker, had done. Mr David Nicholson (Taun-

now retired who thought that they had made adequate provision saw their savings devastated with the Labour Government's inflation. There was concern on the Conservative benches about savings, particularly in relation to community charge benefit. It

rebate when they had made an effort to save. Mr Newton said that there were obvious differences about the level at which capital limits should be set. The Government had decided to increase them

about the future of child benefit. The Government's failure to

operate the system in line with the rate of inflation was depriv-ing every child in Britain of

Had the Government not

Mr Newton said that the

answer to almost every part of her question was "no". The Government had maintained its

commitment in the 1987 manifesto and had at the same time

targetted substantial additional

breached the promise in its

£1.35 a week

election manifesto?



Mrs Angela Rumbold, Musister of State, education, visiting Wentworth Nursery School in Hackney, east London, yesterday. A report by the school inspectors (HMIs), also published yesterday, was unstinting in its praise of the quality of work and the strength of leadership at the school whose head teacher is Mrs Mary Conquest. The minister said: "The report proves that education in Hackney can be as good as any in the country".

Luce refuses direct grants for the four 'flagship' national arts companies and Battle, C) had sisked what assessment the minister had undertaken of the impact of charitable status on arts hodies.

The use of a government direct grant, by-passing the Arts Council, to meet the financial problems of the four "fingulip" national arts companies, the Royal Opera House, Royal Shakespeare Com-pany, Royal National Theatre and the English National Opera, was rejected by Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts.

Mr Mark Fisher, Opposition spakes-man on the arts, said during question time that all national companies were under threat of closure unless their deficits were tackled.

Mr Tony Banks (Newham North West, Lab) had asked the minister to discuss with the Arts Cauncil steps to reduce the deficits of the national

Mr Luce replied that it was for the Arts Council to decide the level at which the national companies are funded. In 1990-91, they would each receive a grant increase of 11 per cent.

Mr Banks asked what other European country would treat its national com-panies in the way that this Government treated ours. He knows that they have

to be most efficient in the way in which they spend the grants they get.

"Will be consider additional funds, and fanding the national centres direct from the ministry, as opposed to funding through the Arts Council or will it all be stopped by the Queen of the Goths over the road?"

Mr Luce said that next year there would be one of the biggest increases ever in cash terms — £400,000 extra. Mr Banks was not listening.

The judgement of other countries was not necessarily the right answer. The question was whether the national centres were of the highest quality.

"The answer is yes. We have every reason to be proud of them."

Mr Benks: No thanks to you. Mr Toly Jessel (Twickenham, C) said that the national centres should try a little harder to live within their means. Mr Luce agreed. The Arts Council would have a big increase in the coming year. They had £20 million extra in cash

resources; 22 per cent in cash terms for

Mr Fisher said that all the compan taking account of last year's increase, would be behind the rate of inflation over the past five years.

That was why they had the accumulated deficit of more than £7 million and the figures announced would not begin to tackle that. The deficits would not go away. If they were not tackled, it would not be just the RSC, but others, that would close.

"Ten years of Tory mismanageme will lead to the arts being bankrupt." Mr Luce said that Mr Fisher was saking him to intervene directly, to undernine and ignore the principle of arms-length funding that had been in force since the Second World War under

successive governments. The Arts Council had had a £20 million increase and it was for the council, not the minister, to decide how

Earlier, Mr Charles Wardle (Bexhill

Mr Lace said that arts bodies which were charitable derived considerable financial benefits from their charitable

status. Under the newly established arrangements for the unified business rate, the minimum mandatory relief rate, the minimum mandatory relief which local authorities must give to charities was to go up from 50 per cent to Local authorities continued to have

scretion to give up to 100 per cent relief to charities.

Mr Wardle asked how many net gainers there would be as a result of the change.

Mr Luce said that it was not possible to be precise, but the English National Opera, the English National Ballet, the Royal National Theatre and the Royal Shakespeare Company, were all net gainers. The amount of corporate sponsorship had gone up and was still

Mrs Edwina Currie (South Jobs from

ship order of Arran, Under Secretary of State for the Armed Forces, said. The order, for Swan Hunter Shipbuilders, Tyneside, was part of a phased programme.

Parliament today (2.30): Questions: De-

Lords (2.30): Human Fertilization and Embryology Bill.

families with incomes above £20,000 a year. Ms Clare Short, Opposition spokesman on social security, asked why the Government did resources. As a result of what would happen next month, something like 1.5 million families would do better than had child benefit been uprated. Ministers accept coal defeat

A cross-party amendment com-pelling British Coal to consider environmental risks when it division during the the report stage of the Coal Industry Bill in the House of Lords.

The amendment was accepted by the Government after its defeat by 16 votes on the issue during the committee stage of the Bill last week.

Lord Norrie (C), moving it, said that he was heartened by

the Government's positive re-

op to 10,000 joos would be environmental risks when it sustained by the order for three Type-23 anti-submarine frigates over the next five years, the Earl of Arran. Under Secretary of division during the should have full

ouse a better and greener Bill than when it entered it. Lord Graham of Edu

HOUSE OF LORDS

mental duties to be written into the Bill The measure would leave the

for the Opposition, said that a week was a long time in politics. Only last Monday ministers no need for this kind of

Government, said that there was no difference between the regard to the environment, whether they were in the public or private sector. The difference was the way in which that aim could be achieved.

The amdendment sent out a signal to the operators of the country's open-cast mines of the importance of high environmental standards. That signal was stronger because the was stronger because the amendment was supported by

Airport security cash plan is rejected

and Maritime Security Bill.

Mr Peter Snape, an Opposition spokesman on transpor moved a new clause to provide for a levy to provide a fund administered by the Govern-

aviation security over the years was that all too often additional security had been introduced only after tragedies.

All research since the Lock-

reintroduce an airport security that the public would be profund paid for by passengers was
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The present position of financing security ... is unsatisfactory, causes widespread concern among the travelling public and leads us to believe, on both sides of the House, that all too often gaps in airport security are left which could be

adequately plugged if adequate funding was provided." Labour had voted against the abolition of the fund in 1983. Its re-establishment would be a

this new clause Those indulging in international terrorism were becommany people in the aviation

cost of ensuring a more secure He had been appalled to discover that, immediately after Lockerbie, an American airline had brought in the most up-to-

industry were concerned at the

Many passengers would be happy to pay a reasonable charge to have the comfort in their minds that everything on safety was being done. Mr Michael Portillo, Minister

for Public Transport, said that security should be paid for by the airline, the airport and the

The clause was rejected by 203 votes to 135 - Government majority, 68.

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Tory chairman shrugs off burdens as he joins the hustings

Candidate admits 'upset' of poll tax

By Nicholas Wood Political Correspondent Staffordshire

Voters are "upset" about the community charge, the Con-servative candidate in the Mid-Staffordshire by-election conceded yesterday as he began the uphill struggle to hold on to a 14,650 majority in the face of the most buoyant

Mr Charles Prior, the nephew of Lord Prior, the former Cabinet minister, acknowledged public disquiet over the issue as Mr Kenneth Baker, Conservative chairman, sought to inject some vim into his party's campaign.

"There are always issues that are going to upset people, and certainly the community



987 General election: J Hed dle (C), 28,644; C S; Hill (Lab) 13,990; T Jones (L/All), 13,114; J Bazeley (Independent C) 836. C Maj: 14,654.

charge is going to be one of those issues that we have got to get across," Mr Prior said. "One or two people are

bound to be upset by it because the whole essence of the community charge is to ask people, everyone who benefits from local authority services, to contribute something towards them."

Mr Baker, labouring under the multiple burdens of Mr Peter Walker's startling resignation, poor opinion poll ratings and a concerted attempt to hold him personally mible for the poll tax in his earlier incarnation as Sec-



Getting to grips: Words of encouragement from Mr Baker to the Tory candidate, Mr Prior.

as he sought to enlist the media's help in exposing the Labour's vagueness about

On a walksbout in the largely deserted village of Longdon, Mr Baker was also cheered by a party worker who told him that not everyone was cursing the poll tax. In her road, the occupants of 13 of bungalows were the 15

However, with Labour heading for a 5,000 majority on March 22, according to the MORI poll, Mr Baker was careful not to raise the stakes retary of State for the Environ- too high. All by-elections were ment, was undismayed, important, he told reporters,

Defeat was out of the question suggesting that he has few as he sought to enlist the illusions about his chances of halting Mr Neil Kinnock's tion came at the right time. 'cynicism and dishonesty" of advance through this predominately rural constituency, which links the north and west Midlands and incorporates three towns -Lichfield, Rugeley and Stone.

> With his ruddy complexion and Barbour coat, Mr Prior looks the archetypal gentleman farmer. But he is a Berkshire-based managing director of a publishing and training company and, on yesterday's showing, will not lack stomach for the fight.

He also showed some fi-Walker's announcement of his opinion polls, a Labour vic- recycled.

impending departure by saying that no ministerial resigna-Dr John Conningham, Lab-

our's campaign coordinator, was also pondering the matter of personal resolve. Gleefully recalling Mr Baker's Shakespearean address to the Conservative conference in October - "let he who hath no stomach for the fight now leave the field" - he suggested that Mr Baker was the architect not only of the poll tax but also the demise of Mr Walker, Sir Norman Fowler and Mr

Dr Cunningham also displayed some false modesty, nesse, dodging a question played some false modesty, contained hardwoods. Some about the timing of Mr Peter cautioning that despite the of his posters had been

Nigel Lawson.

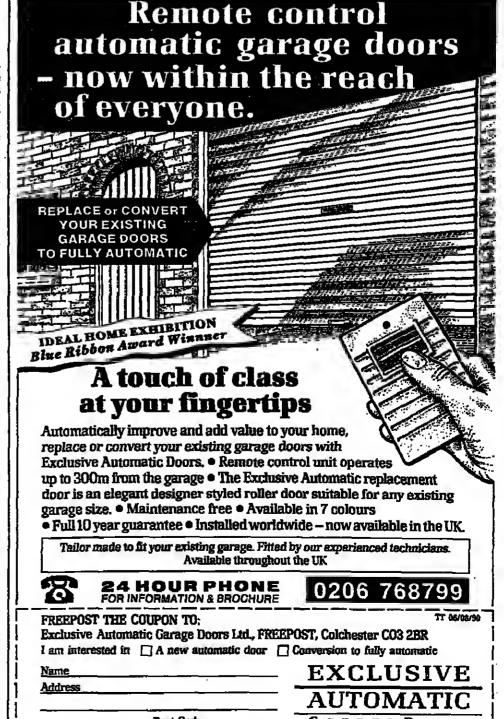
tory would be its best by-election result since 1935. He should have little to fear. Mrs Sylvia Heal, a crisply turned out 47-year-old social worker and magistrate from Surrey, dealt efficiently with some fairly tame bowling. On the doorstep, voters were attracted to Labour's policy of a property tax linked to ability to pay - otherwise known as the "roof tax" - because they found it fair and comprehensible, she maintained. Dr. Cunningham, mean-

while, marooned Mr Baker alongside Papua New Guinea as the only enthusiasts for a poll tax, while portraying Labour as being on the main-stream of Western thinking with its ideas on local taxation. Mr Paddy Ashdown laun-

ched the Liberal Democrat campaign with a claim that the Tory vote was crumbling fast. However, he did not believe that disenchanted Conservatives would readily make the transition to supporting Labour because of its record in local government and its 'ridiculous" roof tax. The SLD plan for a local income tax was a vote-winner, he maintained

Mr Ashdown made much of the local connections of his candidate, Mr Tim Jones, a 38-year-old barrister, who has fought the seat twice before. Mr Jones had not been chosen in London and then parachuted in like his main opponents, Mr Ashdown said.

Mr Jones, speaking a few doors away from the headquarters of the Green Party, struck an environmental note, saying that he was a defender of the countryside and that none of his election materials contained hardwoods. Some



Russia

authentic, sometimes ignored, Russian voice

Boris Yeltsin might claim to be the

of the USSR. Barbara Amiel met him

last Sunday night, Bo-ris Yeltsin was in a good mood. "I am building bridges," he explained to me. "Contacts with various leaders in different countries. Democratization in our land must take place for the workers, people, anyone. If they are free, they will not allow totalitarianism to return." He was tired, but he went straight to the television studio to be

Then he was informed that arrangements for him to see members of The Netherlands government had fallen through. Mr Yeltsin's face crumpled. The Foreign Affairs Minister, it was explained, had refused to see him on the grounds that it would offend the Soviet Embassy, who had not offically requested a meeting on Mr Yeltsin's behalf. Mr Yeltsin looked towards the corner of the television studio where a black-clad figure sat morose and chain smoking. The Soviet Ambassador to The Netherlands had come, unexpectedly, to greet Mr Yeltsin. "He says," one television crew member whispered, "he has to do it because Yeltsin is a member of the Soviet Parliament, It's protocol." A Dutch journalist whispered that President Bush had greeted Mr Yeltsin would Mrs Thatcher see him next week when he comes to London? The studio went silent as the interviewer began. The questions were in Dutch, of course, but before the translator could go to work, Mr Yeltsin heard the second word and smiled, "Gorbachov," he repeated to himself, "Gorbachov and Yeltsin."

I had expected Boris Nikolayevich Yeltsin to be a lacklustre man. Why, I am not entirely certain. Perhaps it was talk of his drinking exploits and emotional outhursts. Perhaps it was my cynicism about his fight against privileges for the nomenklatura, later rather than earlier in his political journey. The script had an overblown flavour.

I scented opportunism or, more accurately, a sense that Mr Yelisin was more significant in the headlines than in his specific political gravity. A blowsy Don Quixote, I thought.

We talked first on the flight from Vienna to Amsterdam, he eating deftly and carefully from his airline tray. "I never cat carbohydrates or sweet things," he said, profering his complimentary chocolates to me. His discipline seemed un-Russian, but perhaps the choice was between waistline, sweets and alcohol. He has managed to keep the waistline, forgo the sweets and I watched him quaff two mini bottles of champagne and two of red wine with disarming frankness and amazing speed. They had absolutely no discernible effect, proving that it takes a lot of the stuff to effect a healthy

The first surprise was the sharp edge and precision with which Mr Yeltsin frames his thoughts. He was also more controlled in his being than press reports led one to believe. He was reflective when we first met. He had come straight from the election in his republic - the Russian Socialist Federal Republic (RSFR), the largest in the USSR, taking np over three-quarters of its land and almost twice the size of either the United States or China. Though there is still only one real political party in the USSR, there are "groups" or "organizations" and Mr Yeltsin, who is a member of the Communist Party is also a member of the Democratic Russia Bloc challenging Gorbachov candidates in the RSFR

Mr Yeltsin's platform included a strong belief in private property and the reduction of centralized power of the state. I asked him why he still called himself a communist and wore his party

badge proudly in his lapel.

"Today, when I went to my constituency," he said, "as usual there were about 20 television companies there and one of them asked, as they so often do, "Are you a communist?" And I answered, 'I am a member of the party. And if you read my platform carefully, you will see I am for an independent Russian party'. I didn't say Communist Party. That is very important. Because I consider it not, perhaps, a historical mistake but a historical tragedy when at the Second International the communists separated themselves from the social democrats. I think in my beart I am really more of a social democrat. But you are the first person I say this to."

According to Mr Yeltsin, the last chance to save the Communist Party will come at the 28th party conference in the summer. "I will support Gorbachov, I want to support him if there is some genuine regeneration for the party. If the party will allow different factions or different platforms within itself, if it will give up the principle of democratic centrism, if it will change its structures, if it will change to a system devoid of appartus, if there will be a chance to elect delegates directly from various groups and associations on the ground avoiding the hierarchy, then the move to a multiparty system will be somewhat delayed. But if such radical measures are not taken then after the 28th party conference there will certainly be a split in the Communist Party and we will

'I think that in my heart I am really more of a social democrat. But you are the first person I say this to'

certainly have a multi-party system formed from those splits." Will he lead one of those new parties? I asked. A small smile. "That is something I will tell you on the day after the end of the 28th party conference." One wonders: why on earth does he

want to save the Communist Party? He shrugs. This isn't clear. Upheaval must he avoided. Russians will muddle through to a multi-party system. Interestingly, certain words never appear in Mr Yeltsin's speech. He never talks of liberty and freedom, in the sense that Sakharov might. He does not talk of individual liberty. It is true he is neither a philosopher nor an abstract theoretician. But he is, after all, a reform politican. He wants private property and free enterprise but shies away from the radicalism of leaving socialism behind.

This is not an uncommon muddle. It is found among the British and Americans as well as Gorbachov. Everyone wants the benefits of free enterprise but not the costs. There is nothing wrong with trying to figure out a way to bring the costs down, of course. But what strikes me is that when you have a fundamental unwillingness to pay the price, and you

So did Sir Winston Churchill.

He wrote to Edward Marsh, the diligent and long-suffering

civil servant who corrected

the proofs of his literary

works: "I am in revolt about

your hyphens. One must re-

gard the hyphen as a blemish

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Yes, my weakness is in my vulnerability — brutal conversation makes a very deep impression on me'

somehow imagine that you can have the benefits without cost, then you are either a western politician, or, as it turns out, an

In his personal being, on the other hand, Mr Yeltsin is prepared to pay a lc2 of costs. All the royalties from his autobiography Against the Grain (to be published next week) are going to fight Aids in the USSR. His agent claims that the advances total a £I million. As well, Mr Yeltsin has given up almost all his perks as a member of the Soviet have done so. "I have put myself in the position of an ordinary person," he explains. My mind begins to slacken at the phrases, but then as he talks, the passion becomes evident.

"The leadership lives some sort of life of its own and it doesn't even feel the pain of the people and the cause of their suffering. This indifference was what I could not bear to hear when I was in the Politburo . . . And there is something else I have finished with now. Yesterday, I sent a letter to the Supreme Soviet saying that I was giving up the car that I have at my personal use. For our country this is an absolutely incredible action and I shall not be thanked for it. I shall he cursed from all sides. Because in our country there are several millions of such

In western terms it sounds affected. even sanctimonious, hut one cannot deny his dignity. There is a moral certainty about him. It is wrong to have so much when so many have nothing. His actions could be seen as opportunistic gestures, to counter the bejewelled and bechauffeured Gorbachovs, But, all the same, in themselves the gestures may be still he right. Symbolism can mean a lot to a country in pain. The Royal Family had ration books in war.

A man is not all of a piece. Courage is often coterminous with cowardice and even moral conviction with expediency. For such reasons one shrinks from unequivocal conclusions. But there seems to be something in the smell of Mr Yeltsin, in his being, that speaks of the best of Russian qualities. His autobiography shows first a stubborn child and then a wilful youth, constantly going against his own interests. He is the pupil who forfeits his diploma at graduation in order to speak out about the teacher who humiliates students. He is the youth who plays cards with ex-convicts on the roof of a moving train and the stake is his life. "I lost all my clothes and my grandfather's watch and then they tell me the next hand is to push me off the roof of

At first, one can't help feeling that this is in the great Russian tradition of Gogol's Poet of the Lie. But as one speaks parliament. Many of his privileges went when he resigned from the Politburo — only the second person after Trostsky to a hard core of truth in his being. Again to Mr Yeltsin, a certain instinct says that and again in his conversation he speaks of his emotional anguish over the alienation between himself and Mr Gorbachov. This is not simply an ideological power struggle but, for Mr Yeltsin, a personal tragedy. "My weak-ness is my vulnerability. Yes, I am a very impressionable man and any exchange, any crude, brutal conversation makes a very deep impression on me. I feel it deeply and I think I need a little more ferro-concrete. I cannot listen with indifference when the Chairman of the Supreme Soviet talks about pushing through his ideas. Demagogues. I can answer back and I never remain in debt. But at that particular moment I really do

> It is to such a "crude and brutal conversation" with Mr Gorbachov that Mr Yeltsin attributes his much commented upon breakdown into tears on Soviet television some years ago."I asked him about his wife, who provokes a great amount of disapproving bewilderment among the people. That provoked a very agitated reaction from him. I would say a reaction that was not really up to the situation or the subjects we were discussing. I had hoped that we would come to an understanding because a perception of our success abroad and in our country was based on a perception of convergence between the two of us. But it was in the course of that exchange, that conversation, that I saw it was not likely to happen. I think I would say that even some of our moral values and principles are very different."

All these qualities, his gambling with life, his stubborness, his physical pain at the plight of the Russian people, the

aching heart at the sight of injustice that he exemplifies when he renounces his privileges, all of this seems to have coincided in some mysterious way, almost osmotic, with the yearnings and the discontent and the essential muddled hopes of his people—the Russian

On this subject, Mr Yeltsin is firm. He speaks of the humilation and annuish of Russians who find themselves in republics where they are outnumbered by other ethnic groups and where the language is not theirs and discriminatory

'The leadership lives some sort of life of its own and it doesn't feel the pain of the people and the cause of their suffering'

legislation is being passed. "There must he a law," he says, "guaranteeing Russians the right to come home to the Russian Federation. We are seeing a growing number of Russian refugees. Great is the number of Russians who would like to move from the republics to the federation and we must give them guarantees of security. We must have Russian regions where they could build houses for themselves.

"We are reproached with feeding off the other republics, but Russia is perfectly capable of feeding itself. It ought to have its own agreements with each of the other republics and these agreements should not he made through Gosplan (the Soviet central communist planning authority) but through republic

"For many decades Russia has helped the other republics and now it is exhausted, not only in terms of natural resources but in terms of intellectual resources. Russians long for their own cultural autonomy and economic and intellectual regeneration. As one considers the wrongs that the republics may rightly feel, one must not think there is

no national passion in the Russian federation. It does exist, and if we do not take it into account there will be even more tragic and difficult consequences than in the Baltie region or Moldavia, Armenia or Azerbaijan.

Would he give the republics total independence if they wanted it. "Yes," Mr Yeltsin replied.

Nanonalism, I suppose, can be irrational, like love, although it is not a bad thing when channeled constructively. But what about the anti-Semitism which seemed asociated with it in

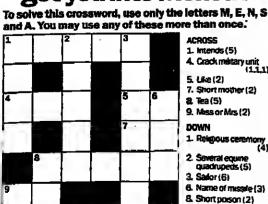
It was happeneing, Mr Yeltsin said but not as badly as portrayed. "But this fear that is being whipped up among Jews is to some extent artifically provoked. Matters are not as simple as they seem. Whether it has happened because of Pamyat [an exreme Russian nationalist, anti-Semitie grouplor any other factors is questionable. I think it is absolutely essential for measures to douse the flames of what could become a raging fire."

If one impression stayed with me of

Mr Yeltsin, it was, curiously, not of his physical presence or his mobile face or his thoughts, but rather of a feeling of impending tragedy. He is optimistic. "The autobiography will cause much unpleasantness," he says, "and we can go very far with unpleasantness even to the point of physical . . "His voice trailed off. Then: "But a man must live like a great bright flame and burn as brightly as he can. In the end he burns out. But this is better than a man man live like a is better than a mean little flame."

I remembered. In Tolstoy's War and Peace one meets General Kutuzov, one of the two Russians who defeated Napoleon. Of course, Napoleon is the more brilliant general. Kutuzov seems to he the worse for wear and drink and with no great strategic muscle. But he is so much at one with the land and the people and their pain that it does not matter so long as he does not give up. If only he plays his life in accord with the dictates of the land and the mystery of the people's despair, he will win. It may be, that Boris Yeltsin has this kind of oneness that Toistoy ascribes to Kutuzov. Mikhail Gorbachov would underestimate it at peril.

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Hyphens are hell. I wish we occasions essential, in order to don could abolish the little brutes. show that two or more parts gram show that two or more parts grammar. belong to the same word, or that two or more compound modifiers must he taken together rather than separately, in order to prevent misunderstanding: long-dead bodies, rather than long dead bodies, for an anatomist specializing in corpses more than 6ft-high; a light-blue dress for Cambridge blue, rather than one so flimsy that it will fit in a handbag for emergencies. Let us tip-toe into this well-worn, some recent specimens: the- pit-fall-filled area.

The confusion arises between verbs with prepositions and/or adverbs, and nouns and adjectives derived from these verbs, also with prepositions and/or adverbs. The "hard" grammatical question is to decide which are prepo-Unfortunately, we cannot sitions, and which are adverbs

Take a quick dash around the hyphen there is no hy-

through; run + through; for example, "He saw through the deception (or the flimsy negligée)". No hyphens are needed, thank goodness, in such stirring

circumstances. A hyphen would be an error. a bloody event at a duel). They No hyphens either with verbs + adverbs: "He saw through the ordeal." The problem arises when a verb is turned into a noun or an adjective, which, contrary to the whinges of laudatores temporis acti,

NEW WORDS



bial participle meaning either

ran in the play in Brighton (no hyphen). But a run-in with the

Hyphens are needed with verbs that become nouns or modifying prepositions or their attendant prepositions

one word. For example, verbs that have become nouns: a run-through, run-in, putdown, come-on, write-up. But once the word becomes "established", i.e. looks familiar, the hyphen tends to fade away as secretly and silently as the Cheshire Cat, for example breakdown, fallout. I wish that we could get rid of it in all of them. But I am not yet ready for a "comeon" or a

"writeup". Here are some verbs that have been turned into adjectives with attached particles that need a hyphen to link them: see-through, a putupon skivvy, a put-up job, a sit-down strike. As with the nouns, once the linked word becomes established, it tends to drop the hyphens. The "rule" is that verbs seldom

adjectives, and then have need a hyphen to link them to

adjectives tied to them so and particles, but that nouns closely that they are virtually and adjectives that look like and adjectives that look like verbs may need hyphens for purposes of identification. Hyphens are a minefield all

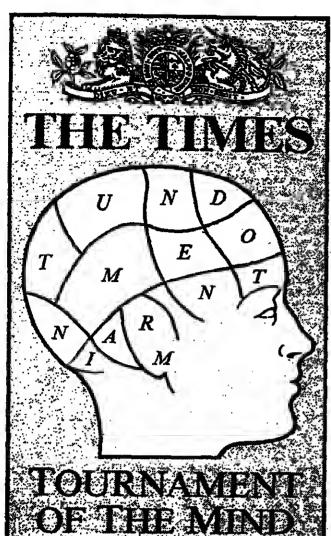
over the grammar wars. The battle was hard fought; but a hard-fought battle. Her secret was well kept; but it was a well-kept secret. Are you ready for "a subtly-thought-out strategy"?

Little adverbs hyphen more easily than big ones. I won't put up with that; but a bravely put-up-with struggle. This is the dreaded verb + adverb + preposition problem, as in pass on to, sit across from, get through to, leave over from,

make over to, go on with.
As Churchill might have scribbled, if he had not hated hyphens: "This is the sort of English that I find unputtable-

Philip Howard

Tournament of the Mind 1990



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HOW TO ENTER

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 Those who score above a certain level of points will receive a personalized certificate in bronze, silver or gold.

The top 100 scorers from the 20 rounds, or

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• The names of the finalists from the first 20 rounds will be published in The Times on Friday April 20.

The final date for receiving entries for the final five rounds is Friday, May 4.
The top 10 scorers from the final five rounds, or all who achieve the maximum 250 points, will be invited to take part in a timed, play-off final in London on Monday, May 14 ● The final will be played under exam conditions, using only the Collins English Dictionary and four-function calculators. No other reference works will be permitted.

 The winner will receive a trophy and £5,000. The remaining finalists will receive £250 each. The winning school will receive a Hewlett Packard computer, a plaque and a certificate.

use. For example, the verbal questions can be solved by

anyone willing to read the dictionary through, similarly

with general knowledge and

the encyclopaedia. A lot of it is

just sheer leg-work. Just use

gested making the most of

individual strengths. Cath-

erine Christie, aged 15, a pupil at Madras College, St An-drews, Fife, said: "The boys

seemed slightly better at the

One pupil from last year's winning school team sug-

your common sense."

In the diagram, there are several strings of arrows of differing length. The arrows represent the direction you should move along each string. The longest string passes through the most squares. Which square contains the start of the first arrow in the longest string?

2 VERBAL

Can you solve this riddle?

My first is in ACHE but not in PAIN, My second is in ROAD but not in LANE, My third is in PEN and also in NIB, My fourth is in BONE but never in RIB, My fifth is in DAY and also in YEAR, My whole can be a fool or even a fur

What am 1?

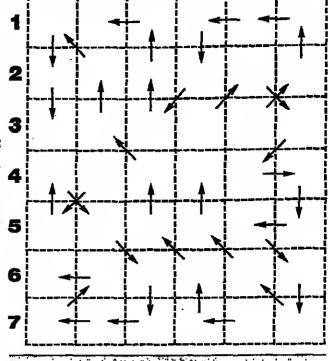
3 LOGIC

Replace the question marks with three mathematical symbols so that the calculation is correctly completed

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4 MATHS

A standard bath has two taps and a plug hole. One of the taps completely fills the bath in 15 minutes if the plug is in the hole, while the other takes 20 minutes to perform the same function. With a filled bath and the taps off, it takes 30 minutes to drain the bath. Assuming you have left both taps on and the plug out, how long will it take for the bath to be



MISCELLANY

Which Egyptian king built the two temples of

2. What is Ringo Starr's real name? 3. What capital city's name means "Muddy

Confluence"? 4. Which club, whose members included Sir Walter Raleigh, met at the Mermaid Tavern in London?

5. In what country would you find a desert death

ROUND 1 - ANSWERS Cut out your answers and keep this coupon until Round 20. Answers will be accepted only on coupons printed in The Times **PUZZLES** MISCELLANY

GEARLIP FOR THE THIRD ANNUAL JOUST WITH THOUSANDS OF MINDS FROM THE TIMES

f the past two years are any guide, thousands of combatants are set to arm themselves with dio-tionaries, encyclopaedias and calculators to joust and tussle with squares, symbols, letters and numbers in The Times Tournament of the Mind.

CBI and a Mensa member, will present the winner with £5,000 and the trophy based on Rodin's The Thinker. The winning school will receive a Hewlett Packard computer, a plaque and a certificate. Queues will form outside

libraries, housework and homework will be put aside and puzzle aficionados will stay at home as this trial of intellect, which has become nothing short of an obsession for some, starts afresh today.

According to Mensa, the society for people with high IQs, there is no "right" way to succeed at the Tournament. It But only one will be the iQs, there is no "right" way to succeed at the Tournament. It final on May 14. Sir Terence is a case of mind over matter; Beckett, the former head of perseverence, ingenuity, presence of mind and a willingness to learn are the keys to success. Although some questions may appear difficult, a logical approach may reveal a simple



Sir Terence: to present prizes

the miscellany section of one of the sample questions was incorrect. But they had not Last year, some entrants realized that a diagonal in a complained that the answer in grid could consist of two or

this year but was willing to give a few tips to would-be contenders. "The key to the matter is defining precisely what the problem is. It is only

three squares and need not

necessarily cross from one corner of the grid to the other.

to defend his hard-won title

Mr Andrew Johnston, last year's winner, is determined

when you have defined the problem that you can put in place an appropriate solution. Right from school, we are exhorted to make sure we read the question before we put in

Mr Harold Gale, executive The girls were more patient at director of Mensa, said: "Eventually, most people

logic and maths questions. Ruth Gledhill

SIEMENS

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Research Trust and the Scottish AIDS Research

Appeal on a research project to investigate the effects on babies and parents who carry the virus, together with other people affected by HIV. This national project is being undertaken in

Edinburgh where such problems are especially

The new Siemens Magnetom body-scanner plays a key role in the project, with its non-invasive technology being particularly suitable for children.

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If you would like to contribute or find out how you can help, please contact Professor George du Boulay, CBE, at the Radiological Research Trust, 36 Portland Place, London W1N 3DG. Telephone 01-580 4085.



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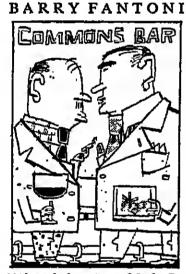
ALAN HAMILTON

hat will Peter Walker do with himself now that he has decided to quit the Cabinet and, eventually, his long-held Worcester seat? He has, of course, proffered the Fowlerism that he wants to spend more time with his family. But I wonder if such an energetic 57-yearold will be able to give up the political drug altogether. Might he, perhaps, become Michael Heseltine's campaign manager when the Tory leadership battle finally begins? He has often joked to friends that such would be his ambition, and considering how intertwined the two men's careers have been, the suggestion is not outrageous. Heseltine was deputy to Walker, Opposition transport spokesman, when they fought Barbara Castle's Transport Bill in 1968. When Walker became transport secretary in the Heath government, Heseltine was his acrospace minister. And when Mrs Thatcher dropped Walker in 1978 from the shadow cabinet, Heseltine's was the loudest voice of dismay. Walker, in turn, has lauded Heseitine as a man of "energy and tenacity on the one hand and sympathy and understanding on the other".

This prospect would be more stimulating for Walker than teaming up with his old business partner Jim Slater, who long ago gave up high finance to write children's books, including *The Boy Who Saved Earth*. No, it's not a biography of Heseltine.

y French wildlife sources report another sighting of the celebrated Dordogne kangaroo, at large for several months now after apparently escaping from a travelling fair. According to a local woman, who has previously reported spotting the errant marsupial drinking from a stream, this time it was hopping across a road at dead of night. Mindful, no doubt, of the ridicule that greeted early sightings by Parisian holidaymakers — ivre mort (dead drunk) was the local verdict — she has requested anonymity. The gendarmerie are none the less taking the matter seriously enough to issue warnings about the dangers of tangling with wandering Australians.

nce again, at that satisfactory rugby encounter in Cardiff on Saturday, the Scots supporters sang Flower of Scotland as their national anthem. The Scottish Rugby Union tells me that it has been adopted, for this season only, as an experimental alternative to God Save the funerals than to stirring the troops for battle. Whatever is wrong with Scotland the Brave? Insufficiently gloomy for the Celtie temperament, I suppose.



'At least the importance of the family has got through to her Cabinet'

deluge of responses to my offer of Glengoyne 17-year-old single malt whisky for the six best attempts at writing John Major's Budget speech. No entry, sadly, from the man himself, probably because my stricture of a maximum 100 words would defeat any chancellor. A bottle of Scottish gold from the Campsic Hills to Watson Weeks of Truro for. "I propose a swingeing tax on Budget

speeches exceeding 20 minutes, and on party political broadcasts displaying insufferable complacency. Banks employing ex-chancellors at inflated salaries will be ohliged to cancel all charges to customers, thus reducing profits to figures that the average layman can understand. Any Cabinet minister or business tycoon who uses the term 'politics of envy' will forfeit two-thirds of his salary to a charitable fund providing prizes for literary competitions. The duty on wine will be greatly reduced, the revenue shortfall being made up by the Government department responsible for advertising

And another to Michael Abbott of Ramsgate for: "I turn to Inheritance Tax. The Government has now realized the terrible waste of resources, both ecological and in the costs of pensions and services, in living too long. I propose to initiate measures which will go some way towards reversing this unfortunate trend. The basis of Inheritance Tax will be altered so that it starts at a zero rate at retirement age and then increases annually at a rate of two per cent. This should provide great encouragement (Government cheers). More winners later this week

ccording to the pink pun-A dits (and some who ought to know better), Mrs Thatcher and Britain under her leadership are isolated, alone and out of step. Last Friday I heard it said by Mr Hattersley, who has an unrivalled reput-ation for believing what he says as opposed to saying what be believes. There has been, he said, a great sea change in the British national mood away from Thatcherism and towards something rather warm and cuddly, which, perhaps for fear of ridi-

cule, he did not name as either Kinnockism or socialism. If Mr Hattersley were right, Britain would indeed be out of step, facing down the socialist path while almost every country in the world that has trod that ruinous road has turned back towards market economics, capitalism and neo-Thatcherism. Labour's so-called intellectuals cannot understand that it is not the clapped-out socialist East Germany that is about to annex capitalist West Germany, to save it from poverty and repression, but the other way around. The crisis of capitalism is about funding the economic and environmental reconstruction of economies ravaged by socialism.

voters have found a more or less early increase in mortgage rates, and rising import prices pushing permanent home with Labour up the cost of living. If the pound were outside the EC exchange and Thatcherism proves unable to command more than 40-50 rate mechanism, the devaluation would be swift and sharp. Otherper cent of the votes in a twoparty election? Suppose Mr Hattersley is half right and the polls do not merely represent materialistic discontent over high most recommendation. wise, Labour's first international humiliation would be the nego-

tiation of a massive devaluation. Meanwhile, the government would be receiving bills for a political support operation by the trade unions which would make the alleged support of Guinness shares during the takeover bid look small beer indeed. First to come in would be the IOUs signed by Messrs Meacher, Prescott, Straw, Cunningham, Field, Hattersley and Kinnock, promising substantial gains to workers in the National Health Service, local government, edn-

cation and transport.
These would be followed by many more. Pensioners, having been told they have been swinwould advance upon the Treasurv with pension books open. Patients in the NHS queues would surge forward for treatment in time to beat the staff walkout for more money. Payers of the community charge would expect instant relief, just as local government embarked on even bigger spending parties to cele-brate the pay-off for its electoral

Norman Tebbit on the high cost of rejecting the Tories

SUPPORT Travellers on public transport, expecting lower fares and better services, would be left quencing as railwaymen too went home to await their pay rises. In short, the Labour chancellor's main problem would be the expectations raised by Labour's spokesmen over 10 or 12 years.

It would be no good then quoting the small print in abour's manifesto. The electors vote not according to the small print, but according to the mood music, and the message of the

Labour's crippling IOUs only Mrs Thatcher prevents everyone (except of course the rich) from having more and better of everything. Only she causes health service queues. polintion, illegitimacy, personal debt, floods, traffic jams, railway accidents, poverty, homeless-ness, drug abuse, and — they might add — dandruff and bad

breath to book If the electors replaced her with Mr Kinnock, they would expect all of those problems to be solved, but Labour's answers are those that have failed three times since the war. Not only in Britain, but wherever they have been tried, they have failed, due

to the socialist poison. Labour's favourite poison to-day includes higher taxation on the more successful, higher wages without higher productivity, higher public expenditure, the allocation of resources by politicians, not by the market,

the restoration of union immunity from actions in tort, more and thicker layers of government.

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It is based on the theory of economic management by the incantations of magic spells: some old, such as incomes policy and credit control, some new, such as the exchange rate mecha-nism, the social charter and monetary union. Past experience suggests that belief in such spells can be sustained only by resort to economic hallucinogens such as exchange controls and subsidies, which, with their short-term effects, are to the European Community what steroids are to

the Olympics. Happily, I doubt that Labour will be put to the test. The electors are saying they want to pay less, not more, for local government, and for national government too. The anger over the community charge is anger at the rising cost of our town halls. High taxation and high public expenditure are not popular, that is a pollsters' myth. The Nineties may be different to the Eighties. but the voters are the same. Real net disposable income will be the master key, as it was in 1979, 1983 and 1987. Put that right, John Major, and all will be well.

Wall of suspicion Britain must raze

high mortgage rates, inflation and the community charge (all of which will be ameliorated by election time). What if there has

been a change of mood, or that the collapse of the Alliance has

created a Labour majority. Sup-pose that Britain is again being gripped by the collectivist in-stinct; what would life be like

The adverse polls last week

gave sterling the jitters, so it is

safe to assume that the likeli-

hood, let alone the actuality of a

Labour government, would force

an increase in interest rates to

protect the pound. So a new

under Labour?

his is a period of great misunderstanding in Anglo-German relatruth, as many of the Germans I have talked to make clear, that the great events of the political revolution in Eastern and Western Europe are eliciting the most

banal responses in Britain. Britain's fears of a united Germany reimposing itself on Europe offend the many Anglophiles in the German political establishment (they even call us "the Brits"). In such circles there is a feeling of acute disappointment with Downing Street. "We can't establish a unified Europe without Britain. There'd be no sense in it," said Horst Teltschik, Chancellor Kohi's éminence grise and foreign policy major domo. "We'd rather have the British on our side," Joachim Fest, historian and editor of the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung,

Others can be less circumspect. "You don't have any cloot any more, so insisting in such a legalistic way on the four-power agreement, in the hope of holding up reunification, was ab-surd," said Dr Gerd Wagner, an

SPD foreign policy adviser.
According to Joachim Fest,
the French have been more
astute than us. Although against
reunification too, at first, they quickly changed position when they saw they could not stand up against it. "The French needed their gloire. But they have not been making your political errors," said Jürgen Aretz of the Ministry of Inter-German Affairs. What errors? "That of having supported the principle of reunification for 40 years, and of withdrawing support at the day of decision.'

Most of the cruder expressions of animus attach themselves to Mrs Thatcher personally. Some of the judgements, even from those who admire her, are harsh. "She doesn't really exist any more in Europe," said Dr Nor-bert Walter, chief economist at the Deutsche Bank in Frankfurt. The German press no longer pays regard to her."

This is not true; her alleged

anti-German prejudice is some-

thing of an obsession, particularly in the popular newspapers. She is attacked for having "irrational problems" with Germany; for being "uneasy and uncomfortable" in Europe; and, most cutting of all, for allowing "personal antipathies" (especially towards Chancellor Kohl) to cloud her judgement. According to German perceptions, it is we, not they, who are the nationalists in Europe. Their reunification will, if we trust them - as they insist we should - serve the greater glory of Europe; the new Germany will be united "in the context of Furnnean unification". Hopelessly, we are opposed to this also. We cling to 19th-century notions of national sovereignty,

part of our sovereignty to Such judgements of us, now

yet have already surrendered

David Selbourne, just back from

Germany, begins a three-part series with an appeal for greater sympathy for Bonn's objectives



because we continue to hear "German arrogance" when plain truth is being told us, and still see in every "good German" a potential recidivist with jackboots under his trousers. Moreover, in the recent period, Chancellor Kohl — as Anglophile Germans are themselves aware - has given many hostages to fortune: above all, with his alarming ambiguities on the Polish border question.

At the same time, bewilderingly, the Germans profess themselves to be sensitive to the alarms of others. Overweening at one moment, they are ready at the next to concede that our suspicions of them are wellfounded. As Horst Teltschik put it: "If some Germans themselves have difficulties over reunification, why shouldn't our neigh-But in the Federal Republic it is only the Greens, isolated individuals like the novelist Gunter Grass, and spokesmen for the small Jewish community who continue to sound the old tocsin, and to frighten us — and themselves about the past and the future.

"You cannot hold up reunifimade confidently de haut en bas, cation now, and we don't want to are hard to deal with, not least stand against it," Ignaz Bubis,

leader of the 500-strong Jewish community of Frankfurt, told me. "It is better that Britain, France or Poland takes up such a position." In December, he heard crowds in Leipzig shouting "Wir sind ein Volk!" Was he scared? "Not yet," he replied.

tefan Heym, the elderly doyen of East German writers and for years a thorn in the Stalinist hide of the GDR, was much more forthright. "Kohl and the CDU", he said to me fiercely, "are the nucleus of a new kind of German imperialism. It will swallow people and countries with the Deutschmark...the only thing that Germans respond to is brute strength." For some, the shadows of past crime fall across every path to the future. These reflexes, morally jus-

tified as they are, will no longer do politically. The Federal Republic is an educated, hardworking and civilized society, built on a charnel-house of millions, yet (the old dilemma) educated, civilized and European none the less; arguably more educated and civilized, and certainly more European,

else, we have an obligation to inquire more deeply into what is going on in Germany. Has the Federal Republic been "forcing the pace of change" and "willing chaos upon the GDR", as Gunter Grass keeps asserting? On balance, the answer must be no. Great long-term political and economic opportunities have doubtless come to the Federal Republic as the result of the collapse of the East German regime, but that is a different matter. The greater truth is that the Germans have been "overwhelmed by events", as Dieter Vogel, the government spokesman, put it.

Indeed, the lack of triumphalism and jingoist flag-waving in West Germany about the turn of events is striking, and shames some of our anti-Teuton paranois. It is often said that the West Germans never felt much sense of nationalist identifica-tion with the artifice of the Federal Republic; no more than the East Germans felt for their bogus "democracy of workers and peasants". Certainly there is not much ground yet for antici-pating a rebirth of the old Aryan ardours.

Instead, the anxious talk in Bonn is of the burdens which will now fall on West German shoulders. "It will bring us a great deal of social and economic difficulty, even hardship, in the next few years. What it will cost know, however, that we will have to pay for our own future as Germans, though we would like help from others," declared the leading German industrialist. Otto Wolff von Amerongen.

These are hardly the accents of a new Pax Germanica in the making, but the sound of something dully reassuring of sleeves being rolled up (and not all that willingly) to help redeem East Germany from its impoverishment and disillusion. Moreover, if we have been pettifogging in our responses, so, often, have the Germans. It is a period of party backbiting, humdrum jockeying for position, and political muddle, in which few Germans (West or East) have any real idea of where they are going. The CDU, and the SPD are riven by internal dissensions; the Bonn government has two foreign policies, that of the clumsy Kohl and the emollient Genscher, and ministers in the coalition speak openly against one another. The only common position is the goal of reunification. This is not the politics of

Teutonic revival. Indeed, had we been more sensitive to German dilemmas and feelings, our own responses to the German Question might have been more rational. We also might have made less of our "bitter memories", entitled to them as we are, and made more of the urgent need to adapt our national purposes, in our own interests, to those of the powerful enemy we once vanquished.

David Selbourne's new book. Death of the Dark Hero: Eastern Europe 1987-90, will be published next month by Cape.

John Sanders

Teaching by rulebook

any reasons have been advanced for teachers' low morale: poor pay, shortage of resources, pupil indiscipline, nnsuitable and shabby buildings. While all these play a part, none is so important as loss of status and respect. A teacher is now less likely to command respect than to be pitied as someone who cannot find a better job.

When I started teaching, 40 years ago, pay was low and working conditions were poor, yet many teachers produced excellent results. They had dignity and self-respect, and were respected by the communities they served. And they were, first and foremost, teachers.

After a 10-year break, I recently returned to work as a supply teacher, and immediately noticed the growth of bureau-cracy and administration. In the staffroom, piles of paper were everywhere: course particulars. information on schemes of work, pamphlets, booklets, sheets, records. The noticeboard was crammed with details of meetings and in-service seminars. Each day, more papers arrived, more notices were posted. In the classroom, the teacher's desk was submerged under piles of handbooks, brochures and articles. The school seemed to be drowning in a sea of words.

Many of these words have been generated by the introduction of the National Curriculum. Although this is badly needed should do wonders for standards, the way it is being implemented is proving a great burden to the conscientious teacher. The proposals for English alone occupy more than 70 closely printed pages, covering in minute detail every aspect of the subject, its teaching and assessment. One gets the impression that teachers are so little trusted that everything they do in class

must be set out for them. The assessments require detailed analysis of each pupil's progress, not just in components of a subject (for example, in reading as a part of English), but in "strands" of the component. A typical "strand" in the assessment of reading at Level 5 (about age 11) is "Recognize, in discussion, whether subject matter in non-literary and media texts is presented as fact or opinion." When children reach Level 8 (at age 14), teachers must assess whether each of them can "Express a point of view on a complex subject cogently and with elarity, and interpret alternative viewpoints with accuracy

and discrimination." Continuous assessment, which in effect means assess ment during lessons, is needed to evaluate pupils' progress in the many "strands". When it is recognized that in a lesson each child in an average class can expect about one minute of a teacher's individual attention. the problem becomes apparent.

There are other worries, too. For example, there is the teaching of English grammar by young teachers who may have had little formal language training in their own education. Then there are standard assessment tests to be administered, marked and mod-

erated. When is all this to be done? I have been told by several teachers that because of the difficulty of finding the time for detailed reports, they assess im-pressionistically and then adjust the marks accordingly. Meetings make up a large part

of the teacher's workload. A senior teacher in a school for 1,750 pupils regularly attends year-teachers' meetings, house meetings, meetings of subject teachers, meetings with local employers, parents' meetings, and management meetings. Then there are "sanctions" meetings, at which staff discuss the school's policy towards pupils who break the rules, and 'options" meetings for thirdyear and fifth-year pupils and their parents. Last year there were six of these, one being repeated because it was held during the Hindu festival of Diwali when Indian families were unable to attend. Each Monday pupils are released at 2.45 pm so that staff can meet until (nominally) 4.30. There are times when a teacher has a meeting every night of the week.

Teachers still have their routine paper-work to keep up: lesson preparation, marking and assessment, reports and the compilation of pupil profiles (documents on each pupil in each subject, which are given to secondary-school pupils at the end of their fifth

T IIIS IS DY the story. Cross-consultation with other subject teachers in order to correlate subject content is necessary. Checking projects, writing testimonials for university applicants, pastoral work, liaison with other schools - the list goes on and on.

The burden of excessive administration can and should be lightened. As in West Germany, schools should have a clearly defined and limited role, with the stress placed heavily on pupils' academic development. Full or part-time social workers should be attached to schools as some have nurses - to deal with pastoral work. With access to pupil records, they could take over most of the burden now borne by teachers.

The proposals for the National Curriculum should be returned to new committees with a much larger proportion of serving teachers as members. The responsibility for the way subjects are taught in the classrooms should be placed fairly and squarely on the head teacher. The didactic elements which abound in publications about the National Curriculum must be removed; it is not the function of these committees to tell teachers how to teach. Also, assessement must be simplified: proposals for the teaching of English, for example, should be no more than 25 pages.

At present, the sheer volume of administration is overwhelming teachers, and it is no wouder morale has plummeted. These reforms would free them to do .. the one thing most teachers want to do: teach.

The author was formerly a

secondary school headmaster.

Last Thursday, I made my professional acting debut. I made it at the Cottesloe Theatre, because at my age the trick is to start big. There is no point mucking about in local rep. years of hobbling in and out muttering "There is a young person at the door, ma-dame," and waiting for the

chance to play Osrick. I had not been on a stage for 42 years. 1948 was when I made my amateur debut, in the Mr Hoskyns adaptation of Hiawatha. The audition were pretty tough: your mother had to know where to lay her hands on a chicken, no easy task in the Attice years. What mine could mainly lay her hands on was mince or shin, neither of which made much of a war bonnet. Anyway, she managed to get a little pullet and I managed to get a little role; I had to come on and scan the horizon for the sort of things redskins scan the ho-

Acting cool, and all that jazz

rizon for, and it was lucky there was only one performance, because stage fright drove the thumb of my scanning hand into my eye and the next day the eye came up like a plum, and had there been a second performance, I should not have been able to go on. There would have had to have been a management announcement that, due to indisposition, the part of Third Brave would be played by David Collingwood,

wearing Mrs Coren's pullet. Given this early trauma it is hardly surprising that I allowed 42 years to go by before taking another crack at the boards, and that when I did go back, it was entirely unintentional. I got to star in Ma Rainey's Black Bottom simply by buying a ticket to see it. The Cottesloe is not so much a theatre in the round as a floor in the round. The stage's perimeter is the first row of seats. Since I had booked by telephone, I did not know that I should be sitting not merely in the first row, but in pole position. I was next to the piano. I was so next to the piano that I could have made a fair fist of Chopsticks without moving

The piano is a major component of August Wilson's fine play, which concerns itself with the 1927 recording session at which the great blues singer and her band convened at a Chicago

from my seat.



Coren

studio to enwax the title masterpiece. You will now understand why the piano is central to the action; you will further understand why, when the bouse lights dim, the piano is bathed in a big

fat spotlight of its own; and if you are truly understanding, you will feel empathetic gooseflesh bubbling for the one member of the audience forced to share that spotlight with the cast.

Even before the play started, stage fright had desiccated my throat and driven its moisture out through either armpit. How my thumb failed to end up in my eye, God alone knows. This was because I often have a problem at the theatre, and as the spotlight warmed my head, the vision came upon me - since I had paid by an identifying credit card of, at the end, a management announcement to the effect that the part of the Snoring Philistine

had been played by Alan Coren. I thank my lucky stars that the play was so riveting as to save me from at least this embarrassment. I curse, however, my unlucky ones for the text that drove those rivets home: for Ma Rainey's Black Bottom derives its conflict from the confrontation between black aspiration and white exploitation. Seven black actors embody the former, three white

a fourth white actor (unpaid) trapped between them. How to react, with 700 spectating eyes on me? A black actor stares into my own from three feet away and delivers a joke simultaneously funny and savage:

actors embody the latter. Leaving

how much do I laugh, how much do I quail, how far should I manifest my comprehension of the resonances before I blemish the theme of white insensitivity upon which the play depends? When the jazz belts out, is it over the top to tap the spotlit feet in time? When the ravishing Jacqueline de Peza shimmies past. bent on seduction, does the fourth white man look at her with lust or dispassion?

Nearly three hours of this, and I acted my heart out; and I thought I had done all right, until the notices came in. You recall last Thursday? It was the day England beat the West Indies, and joy had betrayed me into childishness. But how could I have known, when I was dressing, what the evening would require of me?

"In my opinion," said my wife's review, "the MCC tie was a mistake."



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A MAJOR TEST OF NERVE

The fall in the pound, which accelerated yesterday, puts new pressure on the Chancellor, Mr John Major, as he prepares for his first Budget a fortnight today. A drop of nearly 3 per cent in the value of the currency during the past eight days is not the kind of vote of confidence any Chancellor wants at this stage.

To some extent sterling has been suffering in the backwash of movements in other currencies. As the dollar rose last week the pound fell further than most. And as the central banks made their concerted attack to try to reverse the trend - an attack yesterday joined by the Bank of England with sales of dollars for pounds - sterling did not recover with the

But it is clear that although the main focus in foreign exchange markets is on the dollar, sterling is suffering independently of movements in other currencies. The explanation is largely political. Discontent with the poll tax has overflowed the boundaries of Westminster and is seeping corrosively into financial markets. With each new opinion poll seeming to give Labour a bigger lead, holders of sterling are beginning to ask whether there is now enough time before the next general election for Mrs Thatcher to pull the Tories' chestnuts out of the fire.

Concern is not entirely confined to political factors. The gradually rising forecasts as to how high the peak for inflation will rise later this year largely reflect statistical factors rather than underlying inflationary pressure. Higher mortgage rates and the introduction of the poll tax, though they will raise the retail price index. will not of themselves be inflationary - quite the reverse - and to that extent they are less worrying than a rise in the underlying rate. But there is still sufficient uncertainty about the trend in the economy to be unsettling.

Although much of the rise in the trade deficit in January was explicable by special factors, recent trends in imports do not suggest that the consumer has lost all ambition. Yesterday's consumer credit figures for January show the biggest ever monthly increase in borrowing on credit cards - only a small proportion of total borrowing by the personal sector, but still a move in the wrong direction.

There is no need at this stage for the Government to consider raising interest rates again. At 87.7 in terms of the Bank of England's effective rate index, sterling is still above the lowest levels it reached, just before the new year, after the resignation of the former Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson. If it was right not to raise interest rates then it is right not to raise them now, especially as mortgage rates have caught up with base rates in the meantime. The balance of evidence still suggests that the economy is slowing down and underlying inflationary pressures subsiding, in short that high interest rates are doing the job expected of them.

Weakness in sterling does, however, reinforce the case for a cautious Budget. An extraordinary argument is being advanced in foreign exchange markets that the Government should be wary of raising taxes because that would suggest that counter-inflationary endeavour had switched from monetary to fiscal policy. Markets would conclude that interest rates were about to be cut and would sell sterling accordingly. This carries the absurd implication that fiscal prudence has a perverse effect and pays no dividends in the fight against inflation. But Mr Major has made it as clear as he can that interest rates will stay high for some time. They are most unlikely to come down while sterling is weak.

The Chancellor should frame his Budget on the sound principle that fiscal policy should support, not replace, monetary policy. What precisely that should mean for the size of the Budget surplus next year will be the product of many different influences. It is most unlikely to mean a net cut in taxation.

ANXIETY IN AFRICA

South Africa's whites will take comfort from Mr Nelson Mandela's assurance, repeated in Harare this week, that they should not fear black vengeance in a non-racial society. Their anxieties, however, have less to do with physical vengeance than with another, more insidious, form of retribution: the confiscation of the country's wealth by a post-apartheid government anxious to prove that political freedom bears instant economic fruit. Those fears will not have been lessened by Mr Mandela's endorsement of Zimbabwe as a suitable model for South Africa.

Although it is true that Mr Robert Mugabe. has yet to put his Marxist beliefs into practice, the mere fact that he holds them has been enough to frighten off any serious foreign investment in Zimbabwe and to deny it the wherewithal to create employment for its educated but jobless young. Nor is Mr Mugabe alone in clinging to a dead and discredited creed. There are enough true believers in the ANC and in the members and advisers of South Africa's black trade unions to suggest that the battle over its future will be decided not by a new South African constitution, but by the debate over its economic culture.

Since Mr Mandela's ritualistic embrace of nationalization sent shivers down the spine of South African businessmen and international investors, other ANC spokesmen have been careful to soft pedal their intentions. Thus they have implied that the re-distribution of South Africa's limited wealth - or to put it more realistically, the reallocation of poverty could take other less obviously draconian forms. Ignoring the lessons of recent history, the ANC and its advisers talk blithely about the virtues of central economic planning in determining the allocation of resources and of investment decisions subjected to the "collective self-conscious". They also insist that in Eastern Europe it was not the idea that failed, but the people who failed the idea.

The West, anxious that Africa's only truly industrial state should not be reduced to another third world mendicant, has a vested interest in ensuring that South Africa does not embrace 'the socialist myth. So does Sub Saharan Africa, desperate for a vigorous and growing South African economy to rescue it from decay and impoverishment.

There has been much talk of a Southern African Marshall Plan, but a world taken up by the more interesting claims of Eastern Europe is unlikely to keep a socialist South Africa alive with development aid. What is now necessary is to convince South Africa's have nots that their expectations can best be met by the continued creation of wealth rather than a division of its diminishing spoils. As it moves towards political negotiation, Pretoria should be encouraged to release funds tied up in its swollen defence budget and the administration of apartheid to improve the lives of its black citizens - to upgrade their education and welfare services and, most important of all, to give them access to capital and to property.

Even then, its ability to ease the plight of South Africa's black poor will continue to be hampered by sanctions. Because of the oil embargo, billions of rand which could be used for black development remain tied up in huge and unnecessary oil reserves. South Africa is also unique among developing nations in being compelled to maintain a balance of payments surplus and curtail growth while denied access to the International Monetary Fund.

So long as Mr Mandela calls for continued sanctions, however, much of the world will remain deaf to more reasoned arguments. The removal of these constraints, together with the insistence that the benefits flow directly to black South Africa, would remove at a stroke the need for massive development aid and blunt the desire of the poor and the deprived for the illusory remedies of socialism.

THE LIBYAN CONNECTION

The allegations now being directed at Mr Arthur Scargill concerning money said to have 3 come from Libya to support the miners' strike of 1984-85 are a salutary reminder of an insalubrious episode in trade union history that should not be forgotten. But it has more importance than that.

Much of what is now in the public eye was, it is true, current knowledge at the time. Thus a Sunday Times investigation in November 1984 revealed that Mr Scargill was present at a meeting with a Libyan emissary in Paris, when it was arranged that a then union official, Mr Roger Windsor, should visit Tripoli at the height of the strike. Mr Scargill himself claimed that this meeting, at the headquarters of the French trade union organization CGT, was solely to do with a food convoy being dispatched by the French unions and that his encounter with the Libyan was purely accidental.

On the other hand, there is no doubt that it was at this meeting that Mr Windsor's visit to Colonel Gadaffi was arranged, a visit which was much publicized after it took place. The Libyan leader had it video-recorded and televised, including the notorious embrace between himself and the British miners' representative. Deep resentment was caused in Britain so soon after the wanton murder of WPC Yvonne Fletcher by a bullet from the

Libyan Embassy. What needs particular inquiry now is Mr Windsor's reported statement that the meeting led to a gift of £163,000 (in banknotes) from Libya, and that Mr Scargill and the NUM's other full-time national official used some of the money to pay off "personal debts". Mr Scargill said yesterday that these allegations were "nothing but vicious lies". At the time, Mr Norman Willis said that he had Mr Scargill's assurance that no financial support had been, or would be, sought or received from

Libya Now Mr Scargill has again categorically

denied receiving any money from any sources in Libya during or since the strike. He states that if any money did come from Libya, the union officials were unaware of it. Likewise, he asserts that no money "donated for union members or hardship purposes was used for the personal needs of national officials."

Even so, the matter needs further impartial inquiry, especially, perhaps, in the light of claims by other former union officials that union members were left uninformed about the use made of £1 million apparently received from the Soviet Union. That such money was arranged seems not to be in doubt since Mr McGahey, the then president of the Scottish NUM, openly named himself as the link for the receipt of \$1,138,000 from Soviet trade unions.

Once again the inquiries of the press into a matter of public concern underline the importance of ensuring that the protection of the individual's privacy should not impede inquiry into matters of genuine public importance; it is a point of which the Calcutt committee on privacy, and its violation by newspapers, should take due account.

More immediately, it is significant that these allegations, whatever their substance, do not constitute an attack on Mr Scargill by the Tory press." They come from union officials who have been directly involved and their case has been deployed in particular detail by the Labour-supporting Daily Mirror.

In an editorial comment, its proprietor, Mr Robert Maxwell, points to the damage Mr Scargill and his colleagues did to the miners whom he describes (in the words a German general used of the British forces in the First World War) as "lions led by donkeys". If anything like the allegations now made were true, "donkeys" is altogether too benign a word to apply to the miners' leaders. For its own honour, the TUC should seek to commission a wholly independent inquiry and publish the

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Political puzzles and the poll tax

From the Leader of Milton Keynes their traditional loyalty and Borough Council Sir, Following on the reservations from other authorities which have already been expressed about community charge in your col-umns (February 27; March I) may I point out the following few points which relate to Milton Keynes Borough Council.

The standard spending assessment (SSA) fails to accommodate growth in the expenditure needed for a growing population. Milton Keynes is the fastest-growing dis-trict in the country and it is 38 per cent over its current SSA, which is £13,933,000. On closer examination, however, this can be seen to be due to two factors -1. Population figures are cal-culated on the June, 1988, status

in a city which has grown by 9.7 per cent, or 20,000, since that date, and this should qualify for an extra £1.2 million on the SSA. 2. The variable in the formula which is intended to be the measure sensitive to growth is that which measures capital debt. The SSA assumes that Milton Keynes's capital debt is just under £9 million. It is virtually £35 million - a Whitehall miscalculation of over 400 per cent, i.e., £3.5 million, when translated into

money terms.

We believe the SSA should be £4.6 million higher, which, at £18.6 million, would mean we are well within the Government's permitted limits. Surely it doesn't make sense when one part of the Department of the Environment appears to be building Milton Keynes through its development corporation while another is pretending that the city is not being built at all. Yours sincerely, SAM CROOKS, Leader

(Liberal Democrat), Milton Keynes Borough Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire. March 2.

From Mr B. Russell-Jones
Storms Sir, In his article, "Storms today... (February 27), Woodrow Wyatt seeks to rally the Tory troops, exhorting them to "resume

Radio franchises

From Mr Ian Woolf Sir, Jocelyn Hay's letter (February 27) prompts me to write. The importance of radio in commercial terms may be judged by the keen interest which the prospect of these new stations has aroused among a number of entrepreneurs. This suggests that substantial audiences are also likely to be attracted.

For this reason, and if we are to avoid creating a series of mere juke-boxes on the American model, it is essential that arrangements be made to maintain proper standards of broadcasting.

Where the bulk of the output is will be duick to make a nidgement and switch off if it does not like what it hears. Not so in the case of news and information, in which the listener relies heavily on the integrity and competence of the operator who, at the application stage, should be expected to show both the desire and the ability to provide an efficient news and information element in the proposed service. Yours faithfully, IAN WOOLF, Institute of Directors,

Broadcasting values From Mr J. B. Donnelly Sir, Barbara Amiel's column (Feb-

116 Pall Mail, SW1.

ruary 23) admirably demonstrates that it is no easier to draw up value-free questionnaires than it is to produce value-free broadcasting.

Perhaps she and Lord Wyatt. like Brian Redhead, should try every day for a year. We could then judge fairly who has come closest to her ideal. But I fear that the price of perfect balance, whether for Today or Barbara Amiel's column, would be bore-dom - and that would be no bargain. Yours sincerely

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Help for hedgehogs

From Mr A. H. Coles

Sir, I was pleased to read (report, February 15) of the thoughtful action of the builders of the new £40 million road at Bingley, West Yorkshire, in providing an underground pipe for such wild animals as toads and hedgehogs to get to the other side. This is a splendid example of bow we should all be

My society publishes information of other ways of ensuring that the hedgehog can live relatively unperturbed by major developments such as motorways. Another example is by providing one sloping side to cattle-grid pits to enable any wild animal to crawl to safety should it fall in. Yours faithfully,

A. H. COLES (Founder), British Hedgehog Preservation Society, Knowbury House, Knowbury, Ludlow, Shropshire.

Soviet reshuffle

February 27.

From Mrs Lesley Bright Sir, For Mr Mynett's (February 27) information, Vodka Gorbachov was alive and well and on sale in Bavaria last week. Yours sincerely LESLEY BRIGHT, Greenstones, Rookery Way, Haywards Heath, West Sussex.

From Dr George Baracs

From Mr George Fischer

newspapers and journals there has certainly been, but of the 400 publications you refer to in Hungary well over 100 have ceased publication and during the past 12 months or so the majority of the dailies and periodicals have been selling fewer copies.

there was ample forewarning that it might prove to be a minefield. It never had any real claim to equity and none to efficacy. With "capping" it has lost any claim to a political virtue of promoting Its double penalty on empty or by Mr Rupert Murdoch.

second homes, whence there are either no calls, or less calls than Mr Robert Maxwell, too, is part usual, upon community services. adds illogicality to inequity. Its effects on small business are likely to be profoundly damaging. heavily indebted. In the light of this and other

avoidable tactical errors and re-verses the generals have nobody but themselves to blame if their troops' morale is at a low ebb. Exhortation alone is not enough to restore it. Yours faithfully,

... not run for cover ... when

frightened by enemy gunfire". But, to follow his military meta-

phor, what are even the elite troops to do when they see their

officers negligently wounding themselves, failing to look after

the welfare of their troops, and

alienating unnecessarily the local

is seldom wasted" is a maxim which might usefully have been

applied to the community charge,

although it has to be said that

'accountability".

Time spent in reconnaissance

population in the battle area?

B. RUSSELL-JONES, Barncroft, Long Compton, Shipston-on-Stour, Warwickshire. From the Reverend

Dr John T. Watson Sir, What I find disquieting about this rumpus over the poll tax is the general concern there appears to be over the so-called unfairness, while some of us, living alone and on small pensions, hardly earned, have for years been paying more than double what presently we shall be doing.

Has no one any regard for us, some in their eighties (like me) and struggling to keep up payment of rates simply because we were hard-working and thrifty enough to buy, not rent, a house?

JOHN T. WATSON 16 Beverington Road, Eastbourne, Sussex.

Radiation damage

From Dr John K. Spearing
Sir. Yon report (February 23) that
an editorial in The Lancet
counters Professor Gardner's findings of radiation damage to human sperm by quoting the lack of corroborative evidence from the Japanese atomic bombings.

These differences are not incompatible; there may indeed be a different effect when the radiation is given in one large dose instead of in a relatively mild one spread over a long period, but more probable is the explanation of-fered by Dr Rosalie Bertell in a paper in 1979.

She points out that the data concerned (music) the audience from the American Tri-State Lenkemia Survey reveal a high significant tendency for child leukaemia victims with a history of in-utero, post-natal, or even parental diagnostic X-ray exposure to develop pre-leukaemic diseases such as pneumonia, dysentery, and rheumatic fever, and that under the chaotic conditions obtaining after the bombing many children who would otherwise have died of leukaemia had already died of these diseases, so totally invalidating any conclusion based on leukaemic mortality. Yours faithfully, JOHN K. SPEARING.

Shepherd's Fold, Applethwaite, Keswick, Cumbria. February 26.

Ton or tonne?

From Mr R. J. Morgan Sir, Mr John Peck's belief (February 28) that the use of the English word "ton" should now replace the French "tonne" to signify 1,000 kg is surely mis-guided. Unlike our currency, Britain does not have exclusive rights to the Imperial system of weights and measures, and this system remains in use in the United States and many outposts of the old Empire. Therefore, to abolish the written distinction between the Imperial and metric "tons" would create totally unnecessary confusion in our trade with these countries.

In any case, should we not acknowledge in our language the fact that the metric system is one of the few genuinely useful things the French have given us? Yours faithfulb RICHARD MORGAN. 29 Elmside, Exeter, Devon. February 28.

Greville Wynne

From Mr Nigel West Sir, In your obituary of Greville Wynne (March 1) you mentioned that he had received an apology for comments made about him in my book, The Friends. Whilst it is true that my

publishers, Weidenfeld & Nicolson, made an apology and paid him damages, I declined to do so as I was confident that any libel jury would find my remarks fully justified. .

The reason why Mr Wynne subsequently decided to drop his separate action for defamation was the evidence I accumulated about his many spurious asser-tions, such as his claim to have worked for British intelligence during the war and to have held various commissioned ranks. Yours faithfully, NIGEL WEST.

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Fourth Estate in Eastern Europe

Sir, Your portmanteau treatment of the press in central and Eastern Europe in today's leader (March 1) does less than justice to the peculiarities of the countries concerned.

A mushrooming of the daily

There are about 30 daily national and regional newspapers and some 50 weeklies and journals available at news-stands. The highly successful ones include the tabloid daily Mai Nap ("Today") and the weekly Reform, of which 50 per cent in each case is owned

of the Hungarian press scene, but has done less well. He owns 45 per cent of the daily Magyar Hirlap ("Magyar Gazette"), which is

The inevitable price of a free press has been the massive growth of a wide range of porn magazines. Some are glossy and very expen-sive. Their publishers are reputed to be among the nouveaux riches of Hungarian society.

The Fourth Estate in central and Eastern Europe, just like the rest of the body politic, finds itself in financially harsh and politically unfamiliar circumstances.

Those who provide illumination and pleasure will survive and prosper. They will also assist their readers to establish a democratic state, with or without Western Yours faithfully,

GEORGE FISCHER, 6c Highland Road, Bromley, Kent. March 1.

From the President of the Girls'

Sir, David Jewell's excellent article ("Why we'll be independent of the curriculum", Education, February 26) well outlined the main reasons why most independent schools will be not inside but aloneside the National Curriculum at key stage 4, the two years leading up to GCSE, unless there is considerably more loosening of

It is an unfortunate paradox that a Government which upholds the principle of parental choice so strongly seems to be imposing such a strait-jacket on the schools from which they have to choose, be they independent or main-

Сшпс its confines.

Sir, I spent the better part of the last 10 weeks in Budapest assisting in launching a joint venture for publishing one of the prestigious daily papers in Budapest aimed at making the paper better informed, livelier, but first and foremost independent.

1 can testify from personal experience to every word in your leading article and I am happy to mention that the otherwise excellent editorial staff of the Hungarian paper will be trained in this country in the use of modern hardware which is to be delivered to Hungary as part of the British investment in the joint venture.

It is equally true (however sad it is) that the papers are lacking not only modern equiment but also the management skills "needed to survive in what are becoming highly competitive markets" During the old regime in Hungary (I left it only after the revolution in January, 1957) one of the favour-ite topics of the brainwashing exercises was how to emulate the socialist Soviet man".

The difficulties of perestroika show that the Stalinists were quite successful in the creation of that type of man — totally lacking in initiative, avoiding taking any responsibility, and waiting for commands from higher authorities even in the most trivial pursuits. They partly succeeded in Hungary as well.

It is easier to find 10 talented editors-in-chief than one businessman to act as a successful manager, making the paper selfsupporting. In my humble view one of the most immediate tasks for the West is to train the new generation of Eastern Europe in management skills.

Yours faithfully, GEORGE BARACS, Mishcon de Reya (Solicitors), 125 High Holborn, WC1.

Choice in schools

Schools Association

the present constraints.

Girls' schools, in particular, have traditionally embraced a broad and balanced curriculum and, in principle, have welcomed because of the nudge it has given us towards more balanced science and technology within our walls. It will be regrettable if we continue to make our own decisions outside

Why can the principle of choice not be extended to those who run schools, independent or maintained, to decide, as they traditionally have, what subjects to offer for GCSE, and in what combinations, outside a much smaller core

(English, maths, science, modern language, and a practical subject?), thus acknowledging the different strengths of different individuals. even at 14? This would, incidentally, also ensure maximum choice for children, parents, and schools. Yours faithfully.

TATIANA MACAIRE, President, Girls' Schools Association, 130 Regent Road, Leicester. February 28.

Student loans

From Mr S. Dobney Sir, Contrary to the views of some of your readers (letters, February 26) the argument for loans against grants has not been won. In fact, neither are a very good solution to a pressing problem. It is the employers who demand that students study to gain skills comparable with their talent. Yet these very employers take the training merely paying a marginally higher

wage to the students. Perhaps the misguided dichotomy of loans vs. grants should be expanded to encompass the very people demanding more graduates. Indeed, should businesses not pay colleges for training the people they later employ? Yours respectfully,

S. DOBNEY, 219 Northfield Avenue, Ealing, W13.

'The Three Graces' From Sir Denis Mahon, FBA

Sir, Your report (March 3) on the possibilities now available for retaining Canova's "Thr : Graces" in the country for which it was commissioned refers to the question as to where, if retained, it might best be located, I would like to suggest that the ideal location would be for the group to be placed in the centre of the area under the dome in the magnificently restored Barry rooms at the National Gallery.

I cannot imagine that either Mr Rothschild, to whom we owe a great debt for the imaginatively constructive offer which he has made, or the Minister for the Arts, Mr Richard Luce, would wish to raise any objection to this.

Kidney donor cards From Mr Charles Curry

Sir, In her letter (February 24) Elizabeth Ward refers to lost organs which could have saved lives but were not available because the potential donors were not carrying their donor cards. This is because the cards possibly got mislaid or lost, and if found would not find their way back to the owner.

In 1977 it was announced that a donor card would be issued with every driving licence, and in 1982 Mr Kenneth Clarke, Parliamentary Under Secretary for Transport, announced that in future most driving licences would be redesigned to include a portion for organ-donor purposes, which could be detached if not needed.

It seems that the latter provision had been taken away since 1986 in order to comply with EC regulations and that full English licences are now again issued with a separate donor card. I fear that many lives will be lost as the result of this needless change. Yours etc., CHARLES CURRY, lvyholme, Hare Lane,

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As far as the actual acquisition is concerned, a rapid resolution is now clearly necessary; and Mr Rothschild's scheme requires nothing more than Treasury willingness to accept a major artistic masterpiece to be retained by the nation rather than the equivalent amount of all too

expendable cash Mr Ridley's way of thinking, in so far as I understand its implications, has excellent potentialities, but could (as has been rightly pointed out) lead to abuses. It accordingly requires more time for careful consideration than is available for dealing with the immediate problem of settling the fate of Canova's sculpture. Yours faithfully, DENIS MAHON,

33 Cadogan Square, SW1. From Mr Frank Watson

Sir, On the reverse of every driver's licence issued by the province of Ontario, Canada, is printed a form of consent, under the Outario Human Tissue Act, for transplant, treatment, or medi-cal research of a) any needed organ or tissue; h) only the organs or tissue specified; or c) the entire body if needed.

There is a space to show the donor's age and boxes are provided in which to indicate what may be removed. Yours faithfully, FRANK WATSON 38 Plantation Road, Oxford.

A quick run-through From Mr Brian Parker

Sir, You report (February 20) Mrs Albert Einstein's contribution to the theories of relativity. Although 1 am a physicist and my wife is a teacher of humanities, it is she who has arrived at a practical method of time dilanon. She records required television programmes, such as Neighbours and Howard's Way, and views them on fast-forward, thereby expanding her precious time.

So far she has been unable to effect similar improvements with The Archers. Yours sincerely B. H. PARKER, Rook House, Victoria Road, Dartmouth, Devon.



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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 5: This afternoon The
Princess Royal, Patson, National Association of Victims
Support Schemes, visited the
"Children as Victims" Project, 221 Bedford Road, Kempston, Bedford and was received on Bedford and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Bedfordshire Her Royal Highness was at-Lieutenant Colonel H C Hanbury).

Afterwards Her Royal Highness, President, Save the Childthe Tate Gallery Foundation,
ren Fund, visited Cambridge
and was received on arrival by
Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant
for Cambridgeshire (Mr Michall Respective Company of the Tate Gallery (Mr
Robert Horton) at Buckingham ael Bevan).

Today's royal engagements

The Oueen will hold an Investi- The Princess Royal, Patron of ture at Buckingham Palace at

The Duke of Edinburgh, as patron and trustee, will attend receptions for young people who have reached the Gold Standard in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme at St James's Palace at 11.30 and 4.00; will give a luncheon and chair a meeting of the trustees at Buckingham Palace at 12.45; and, as Grand Master of the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators, will attend a court dinner at Merchant Taylors' Hall at 6.15.

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of the Child Accident Prevention Trust, will launch the "Dump 1990 Campaign", for the destruction of unwanted medicine, pills and poisons, at New County Hall, Truro, Cornwall, at 11.30, co-ordinated by the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly 6.10.

The Duchess of Gloucester will open the North London Blood Transfusion Centre at Colindale Hospital, NW9, at 11.30; and, as Theorem 11.30; and poisons, at New County Hall, Truro, Cornwall, at 11.30; and poisons, at New County Hall, Truro, Cornwall and Isles of Scilly 6.10. Family Practitioner Committee. Later she will visit Kea School, Kea, Truro, at 12.05; and, as cheon Patron of the Freshfield Drug 12.45.

Bridge

Two hundred and forty eight pairs competed at the Grand Hotel Birmingham over the weekend in the four top eche-Union's master points rankings.
Grandmasters: I. D.J. Jones, T.
Watson (Warks) 553; 2. W.J. Holland, R. Ferrari (Manch) 544; 3. M.M. Swanson (Merseyside), J. Salisbury (Wales)

Lifemasters: I. G.D. Cronin (Surrey), C.C. Thame (Kent) 2895.2; 2. M. Chawner, P. Spencer (Essex) 2756.9; 3. F.D. Bell, J.C. Roberts (Manch)

National Masters: I. J.G. Harrison, G.N.L. Hill (Norfolk), 2276.8; 2. W. Lowe, R. Saba (Wiltshire) 2206.6; 3. Mr and Mrs G. Foley (Middx) 2168.7. Regional Masters: 1. J.M. Koprowski, C.J. Mooney (Berks and Bucks) 2028.6; 2. P. McGloskey, J. Leroi-Smith (London). 1969.4; 3. N.S. Freake, P. Fegarty (London)

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League Viscount Montgomery of Ala-mein was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held yesterday at Over-Seas House. Captain William J. Law

tended by The Hon Mrs Legge Bourke.

Counselling Service, she will visit their offices at 10 Strangways Terrace, Truro, at 2.05.

the British Knitting and Cloth-ing Export Council, will open the Aquascutum factory, Milton Keynes, at 10.00; as Patron of the Butler Trust will visit Ayles-bury Young Offenders Institubury Young Offenders Institution at noon, and as President of
the Riding for the Disabled
Association, will visit the High
Wycombe Group, Grove
Equitation Centre, Wear Lane
End, at 2.30. Later she will
attend a dinner at the Finsbury
and Heyworth Halls of Residence of City University,
Northampton Square, EC1, at
7.40.

Prince Michael of Kent will attend the annual Tote lun-cheon at Grosvenor House at

Birthdays today

Dr M.G. Adam, astronomer, 78; Mr William Davis, author and broadcaster, 57; Professor Sir Charles Frank, physicist, 79; Mr Alistair Grant, chairman, Argyll Alistair Grant, chairman, Argyll Group, 53; Professor Sir Raymond Hoffenberg, president, Wolfson College, Oxford, 67; Mr Frankie Howerd, actor and comedian, 68; Mr Lorin Maazel, conductor, 60; Sir Hal Miller, MP, 61; Mme Valentina Nikolayeva-Tereshkova, first woman in space, 53; Dr J.H.P. Pafford, librarian, 90; Sir Ian Dixon Scott, diplomat, 81; the Right Rev David Sheppard, Bishop of Liverpool, 61; Sir Peter Stallard, former colonial administrator, 75; Dame Kiri Te Kanawa, opera singer, 46; Mr D.H. Whitaker, publisher, 59; Mrs Ann Winterton, MP, 49; Sir Oliver Wright, diplomat, 69.

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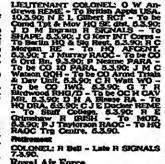
Lord Asa Briggs, Chairman of the Board of Governors, gave the third lecture in the President's Lecture Series at St Matthias Church, Richmond. His subject was History Today. Those attending included: President Petrek and Mrs Petrek. H.E. Valvideso, H.E. Josef Gyorke and Mrs Goorke, Esther Rantzen, Desmond Wilcox, Judge Bernard Marder, OC and Mrs Morter, Mr and Mrs Peter Unwin, Prof Stanley Glasser, Mr and Mrs Robert Smith, Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Pope and Dr and Mrs A. Christodulou.

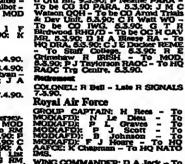
Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy CAPTAIN: A M Gregory S1.8.90. SURGEON COMMANDER: 1 F Geraphty — Britannia 24.2.90: K Gillespie – Raleigh 4.9.90. CAPTAIN: A G Y Thorpe - 14.4.90.

COMMANDER: F S Evans = 18.4.90: P R P Madge = 26.4.90: D P B Ryan = 11.4.90: J Roberts = 13.4.90; J A Startin = 11.3.90. CHAPLAIN: R B Bennett - 27.4.90. Royal Marines







Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.V. Fergusson and Miss E.S.L. Cracknell and Miss E.S.L. Cracknell
The engagement is announced between Joseph Victor, younger sou of Sir Charles and Lady Fergusson of Kilkerran, Ayrshire, and Emma Sarah Louise, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Martin Cracknell, of Alburne Knowe, Glenrothes, Fife.

Mr J.M.C. Evans and Miss S.C. Purkhardt The engagement is announced between Chuck, eldest son of Sir Charles and Lady Evans, of Capel Curig, North Wales, and Caroline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Ralph Purkhardt, of

Witley, Surrey. Mr A. Bellometti and Miss C.H. Vogt The engagement is announced between Byron, only son of Mr and Mrs A.L. Bellometti, of 59 Wickham Way, Beckenham, Kent, and Claire, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs P.J. Vogt, of Coombe End, Coombe Hill Road, Kingston-upon-Thames,

Mr A.R. Bridges and Mrs W.A. Agace

The engagement is announced between Robert, only son of Mrs A.I. Bridges, of Guildford, Surrey, and Mrs Wendy Agace, of Standon Homestead. Ockley, Surrey, younger daughter of Mrs Nina Lavers, of Cranleigh,

Mr G.M. Goodman

and Miss J. Pickering The engagement is announced between Guy Mark, son of Mr and Mrs G. Goodman, of Hampstead Garden Suburb, London, and Jennifer, daughter of Mr and Mrs K. Pickering, of

Mr J.R. Grace and Miss P.F. Scott-Barrett

The engagement is announced between James, son of the late Major H.W.N. Grace and Mrs M.E. Grace, of London, and Philippa, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Scott-Barrett, of Henfield, Sussex. Mr P.J. Jones

and Miss S. Zaheer
The engagement is announced
between Philip John, second son
of Mr and Mrs M.M. Jones, of
Marcham, Oxfordshire, and
Samina, eldest daughter of Captain H. Zaheer and Mrs T.
Weiss, of Cobham, Surrey.

Mr G. Mason ind Miss S.R. Riley The engagement is announced between Glenn, second son of Mr and Mrs A. Mason, of Borrowash, Derby, and Sacha Rachel, youngest daughter of Mr Peter M. Riley, of Wood-lands Road, Henley-on-Thames, and Mrs Jeni Riley, of

Courtenay Street, London. Mr W.G. Pecover and Miss L.C. Mellor

The engagement is announced between William, younger son of Mr G.H. Pecover, of Gosport, Hampshire, and Mrs M.E. Pecover, of Pimlico, London, and Lucy, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs C.L. Mellor, of West Hendred, Oxfordshire. Mr P.A.J. Stevens

and Miss S.A.R. Rice The engagement is announced between Philip, elder son of Emeritus Professor J. and Doctor I. Stevens, of Woolsington, Newcastle upoo Tyne, and Sarah, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs G.W. Rice, of Kidder-

REV JOSEPH McCULLOCH Radical spirit within the Established Church

If Anthony Trollope had created the character of the Rev Joseph McCulloch, who died on March 4, it would have been an enormously sympa- ** thetic portrait. For he was not merely a cleric alert to the crises facing the Church of England, he was also a writer.

And his life and work exemplify a particular conflict familiar within the Church of England - that of the radical churchman eager to wrench the church into new and more relevant paths and yet himself trapped within the establishment of its clerical hierarchy.

Joseph McCulloch was born in Liverpool on August 31, 1908. He was ordained in 1931 within months of graduating from Exeter College, Oxford, where he had been a scholar.

His career in the church took him from curacies in Liverpool and Blackheath to become Rector of Turweston in Buckinghamshire and then Great Warley in Essex.

During the war he was an army chaplain and then at St Mary's, Chatham, he was able to put into practice the ideals he so admired in the concept of the worker-priest. He brought to life a church community within a run-down, almost destitute area.

Already in Liverpool the

writing impulse had asserted itself — with scandalous results. His first novel Charming Manners, concerning parish politics, was written under a pseudonym but wasquickly revealed as his work. Apart from a second novel, Limping Sway, his books thereafter were to he about the church and how he experienced its problems. Their titles bear witness to their cootent: A Parson in testimony of what it was like

He was quickly identified century. by the establishment as an enfant terrible, a title he relished gleefully in later years, even though it denied



OBITUARIES

The actress Diana Rigg with McCulloch at a televised lunch-time dialogue

By the seventies he was to propose in his book My Affair with the Church the abolition of the clergy and the entrust-ing of Christ's mission to committed parish groups. For him the priesthood of all

Joseph McCuiloch was un-He found the practice of a clergyman's life at odds with the deep spiritual sense of purpose that ached to be fulfilled. His writings leave a Revolt, The Faith that must to be a clergyman in the Offend, We have Our Orders. second half of this 20th

After 10 years at St Mary's, Warwick, he was offered the benefice of St Mary-le-Bow in him the preferment his energy been devastated by bomhing ity reached the papers he was a source of continuing and commitment deserved. in 1941. He was to seize the wrote a letter to *The Times*. pride and pleasure.

drastic reform if it was to stop the slide into public apathy and neglect.

A comparison but to totally unqualified apology to the slide into public apathy and neglect.

A comparison but to totally unqualified apology verse interests and skills.

He had long been a broadcaster and a writer of religious radio drama. Now he conceived the idea of the Dialogues, a notion promoted by the fact that the Wren interior believers would transcend the of St Mary's had two pulpits. amhiguous role of the The dialogues between himself and a whole sequence of communicators took place easy and often unhappy in the cach Tuesday lunchtime often Church he knew and loved. to packed congregations: with to packed congregations: With standing room only. The guests were chosen not for their orthodox beliefs but for their questioning minds and inclination to religious

Malcolm Muggeridge, Ye-hudi Menuhin, Enoch Powell, Joan Bakewell, and Bernard Levin were among them. So was Germaine Greer to whom he gave a particularly rough the City of London. It had ride. When news of his sever-

thought.

He felt the church needed chance not only to see to its. He made no excuses; it was a

The dialogues went on for well over 10 years. A number were collected in book form; a series of them appeared on BBC television. Joseph McCulloch took eat delight in their success.

They represented both his private and public virtues combining a natural gift of hospitality and friendship with a chance to broaden debate about the church within the changing values of the Sixties and Seventies. St Mary-le-Bow was his crowning achievement. He shared that achievement

with his wife Betty, daughter of the famous parson-cricketer F. H. Gillingham. Her lively intelligence was a perfect foil to his.

Their family - three child-ren, Christopher, Gabriel and Jane and 11 grandchildren -

AIR-VICE MARSHAL J. R. GORDON-FINLAYSON

Air-Vice Marshal J. R. Gor- reasoned - quite correctly don-Finlayson, DSO, DFC, who died on March 3, aged 75, was one of that small but valiant band of airman who Greek army against the threat from the Italian air force.

lavatories, wash basins and strength. baths, were villainous.

tribulations were, they were help much. Some Blenheim compensated for by the unsquadrons, among them No people. This was reflected in great kindness to shot-down air crew, and on occasion in spontaneons poems written by village laureates, celebrating the bravery of the airmen who had come to help them.

against Greece on October 28. assistance of British forces on the Greek mainland. They facilities of the desert.

that their own army could bombed Italian troop cope with anything that the concentrations in Albanian Italians could throw at them, and that the presence of were sent to Greece in 1940, to British troops might attact the of doubt in the mind of the help provide air cover for the hostile attention of Germany.

But they possessed only a from the Italian air force. tiny air force, and, mindful of In a virtually unsung, but what had happened to the heroic campaign, a couple of Polish and French armies in squadrons of Blenheims and the face of overwheming air some antique Gladiators flew power, nursed some airfields whose basic services, overwhelming Italian air to shake them off and headed sortie after sortie from rutted apprehensions about the

Britain, embroiled in the Vexing, from a professional desert and facing the Blitz at point of view though these home, was in no position to squadrons, among them No feigned gratitude of the Greek 211, commanded by Gordon-Finlayson, were hastily sent from North Africa. Housed in cold, damp

buildings with rotting floor-

Nevertheless they doggedly ports, if not accurately, then resolutely enough to sow seeds

On one occasion, while attacking Valona, Finlayson's Blenheim was jumped by a large contingent of enemy fighters, and had its port airscrew shot away. By diving into thick cloud, he managed for Cortu. There, discovering that his undercarriage had also been damaged, he made a successful belly landing.

From there, the procession back to their own base, by boat and by mad over mountains and through rivers, was one of non-stop hospitality as the local peasants plied them with food, cigarettes, ouzo, coffee and brandy. At one stop, in boards, and dubious Turkish Aitolikon, the airmen were sanitation, and compelled to carried shoulder-high to the fly in mountainous regions in town hall, where Gordon-When Mussolini struck the capricious weather of Finlayson - with rather more approaching winter, Gordon- manual gesture than intelli-1940, the Greek government Finlayson and his men might gible speech - delivered a was not anxious to accept the well look back fondly to the congratulatory harangue on "comforts" of the improvised the exploits of the Greek awarded the Greek DFC in

In the later stages of the Greek campaign he commanded a mixed tactical wing, and having flown over 100 sorties, was on staff and planning duties for most of the rest of the war.

As such he participated in the development of close support tactics. Then, after the end of the war in Europe be took over the administrative planning for "Tiger Force." This elite, which included the famous 617 "Dambusters" squadron, was to fly to Japan to play its part in the air attack on the main island, Honshu, by pinpoint bombing of vital bridges, as the Americans launched their final assault on the Japanese homeland. In the event, the atomic bombs were dropped and "Tiger Force" never flew in anger.

After the war Gordon-Finlayson rose to become Director-general of Personnel Services, Air Ministry, retiring in 1963.

Besides his British decorations Gordon-Finlayson was recognition of his services.

SIR JOSEPH **NICKERSON**

Brilliant shot and innovative cereal farmer

Rothwell, Lincoln, and was a sport shooting friend of Prince Charles, died in his sleep in the United States on March 3,

aged 75. In 1952, Sir Joseph, a multi-millionaire and brilliant shot, achieved a world record, which still stands, of 2,119 wild English partridge in one day with five other guns.

Prince Charles, Prince Philip and other members of the royal family were frequent visitors to his Rothwell and Middleton-in-Teesdale estate. In 1984, Nickerson's close

friend, Lord Whitelaw, then Deputy Prime Minister and Leader of the House of Lords, accidentally winged him in the arm during a grouse shoot in County Durham. A spokes-man for Lord Whitelaw said that as he turned, his foot slipped and his gun went off prematurely.

The police said: "People quite often get peppered on the grouse moors. It is an everyday occurrence." Nickerson afterwards made light of the incident, referring to it as "a non-event." He said: "Lord Whitelaw is a very safe and accurate shot but is no more immune to a slip than a reporter."

He generously failed to refer to the incident in A Shooting Man's Creed, a handbook of expertise and experience sons and four daughters.

Sir Joseph Nickerson, who which he published last year farmed 5,000 acres at covering every aspect of the

Joseph Nickerson was born in Grimsby on April 19, 1914 the eldest of seven children of a prosperous coal merchant and farmer, Ernest William Nickerson, and was educated at the De Aston Grammar School, Market Rasen.

He was known internationally as a plant breeder and experimental farmer, producing some of the world's top yielding cereals. He made his celebrated Rothwell headquarters on the North Lincolnshire Wolds a centre for plant breeding, pionecring much improved strains and varieties of seeds for both home and world export markets.

He was knighted for his services to agriculture in 1983. In 1979 Nickerson Rothwell Plant Breeders received the Queen's Award for Industry. The seed company is now owned wholly by the Royal Dutch Shell Group.

He was chairman of the Caistor Urban District Conncil, a JP for Lincolumbire, president of the Lincolnshire Agricultural Society, a founder member of the World Wildlife Fund and vice-president of the Royal Agricultural Society.

He leaves his widow, two

GÉRARD BLITZ

Mediterranean holidays for all

Gérard Blitz, who invented starting with the drinks, elev-the much-emulated but never erly furthered the "away from bettered Club Méditerranèe it all" image he was seeking; it holiday formula, died in Paris also helped ensure money was on March 3 at the age of 78.

Born in Belgium and originally a diamond merchant, Blitz hit upon the idea of offering vacations in surroundings that would, in his own words, "help people get together and break the

A bluff, outgoing man with particular love of water sports - he was a champion 'a limited company with just swimmer and, by all accounts, a formidable water polo player

— Blitz, together with his father, set out to cater for all all outstanding debts. classes and tastes setting up a non-profit organisation.

The success of his first management, though he reventure, taking 2,400 "gentils membres" of the Club Med to and continued to contribute a site in the Balearic Isles in ideas at the group's planning 1950, instantly convinced him sessions.

in Italy, Yugoslavia, Switzerof them were even on the same very modest. viously worked with survivors of the former Nazi concentra-

tion camps. By the mid-1950s, Blitz's lion last year. venture was going well enough to allow a major shift of direction towards greater creature comforts with the in-troduction of Club Med's March 1) was christened famous Tahitian style" bam-Greville Maynard Wynne, not boo huts. The use of coloured Anthony Clare Greville beads, instead of money, for Wynne as stated in our obitu-most transactions on holiday, ary.

spent on site.

With the aid of an energetic new partner, M Gilbert Trigano - formerly the supplier of the tents for his sites-Blitz was able to huild up Club Med into the world's biggest "village holiday" group. In 1961, having caught the

eye of Edmond de Rothschild, the enterprise was turned into over a third of the capital passing into Rothschild hands in exchange for settlement of Two years later Blitz

in the 1960s the holiday The first Club Med centres, heyday as a freer life style

stepped down from active

emerged in western Europe land and Corfu, were little and there existed a total of 25 more than tents in fields: some Club "villages"; charges were sites as the "reinsertion At the time of Blitz's death, camps" where Blitz had pre- Club Med still led its compet-At the time of Blitz's death,

itors in the village holidays field, turning in profits that amounted to some \$58 mil-

Correction

Starting brightly with a quasar

centres are bright enough not only to ontshine all the other stars in the galaxy but to illuminate most of the rest of the Universe as well.

The reason that they are invisible to the naked eye is that they all seem to be a very long way away. But there is increasing evidence that our own Galaxy and its near neighbours could once have had bright, quasar-like centres, says astronomer Martin J Rees of the University of Cambridge in the February

16 issue of Science (vol 247, pp 817-823).

Because the speed of light is finite, quasar light started its journey to Earth billions of years ago. So quasars may not be oddities, but phases of normal youthful exuberance in galaxies before they settle down into quiet middle age. Quasar power may come from the

energy radiated by matter as it is squeezed into nothingness by the gravity of a giant black hole at the quasar's centre. But as a galaxy evolves, less matter is available to feed the black hole. which becomes quiescent. The quasars we see have almost certainly evolved since the light we detect was emitted. They could now be galaxies very like our own, but with enormous black holes in their centres.

Could the converse be true - could

ordinary galaxies such as our own

Latest wills

Sister Dorothy Louise Thomas, of Chelmsford, Essex, who was awarded the George Cross for

her heroism in preventing a disaster at the Middlesex Hos-

pital London on January 26 1934 when a violent explosion

occurred as a large oxygen cylinder was turned on, and as

the theatre sister in charge, sent everyone to safety and remained

there alone at great danger to herself, left estate valued at

contain "dead" quasars, and if so, would we be able to detect them? Black holes could be betrayed by their gravity, and there is some evidence from the movements of stars in the centres of nearby galaxies that may signal their presence.

At a distance of two million light years, the Andromeda galaxy is the nearest major galaxy to our own, and careful nents of the stars in its centre suggest a central mass of between thirty and seventy million times that of the Sun. This could be a giant black hole left over from the galaxy's days as a quasar. There is certainly no sign of any quasar-like activity in the Andromeda

galaxy today. This galaxy is only just visible to the naked eye on a fine night, but if it contained even a modest quasar it would be five times as bright as the full moon. Rees asks how a black hole could be so completely starved of fuel that we would not be able to detect even a spark of radiation from its activities. An answer to this question requires a

sound knowledge of how large black holes capture passing stars. This is an "unmet challenge" to present-day computer simulations, says Rees, but some back-of-envelope-style calculations suggest that black holes tend to swallow stars very rapidly, releasing a concentrated burst of radiation.

Miss Joan Alisco Tredgold, of

Cheltenham, Gloucestershire,

Principal of Cheltenham Ladies' College 1953-64, left estate val-ned at £182,410 net.

Lady Ethel Marie Jeakins, of

Lower Richmond Road, Lon-

don SW15, a former Labour

deputy chief whip for the GLC, wife of Lord Jenkins of Putney,

who as Hugh Jenkins, was

Labour MP for Putney, and Minister for the Arts, left estate valued at £101,212 net.

power-torch emission of radiation from quasars. Relatively small black holes (but only relatively - of the order of ten to a hundred million solar masses) rip passing stars to pieces, releasing radiation and spitting out the debris at hundreds of kilometres per second. Very large black holes (with masses of more than 100 million Suns) have neater table manners: they simply swallow stars whole leaving very little residue. So galactic black holes could reveal

themselves by the occasional flare. Regular study of oearby galaxies could turn up black holes actually in mid-meal, providing more conclusive evidence of giant black holes - "dead" quasars. Our own galaxy could also harbour a

"dead" quasar, and a way of finding out might be to look for unusually fastmoving stars near the galactic centre. It might just he possible for passing stars to orbit a black hole at a large fraction of the speed of light without falling apart. If this happened to a double-star system rather than a single star, one could be swallowed the other ejected at about 1,000 kilometres per second. The discovery of such "hypervelocity stars", says Rees, would be "compelling evidence" that our own Galaxy once had a quasar at its centre.

Henry Gee

C Nature-The Times News Service, 1990

Charles Farrar Browne, hu

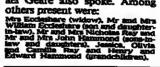
This contrasts with the constant **Anniversaries**

> BIRTHS: Michelangelo, Capres, Italy, 1475; Fraocesco Guicciardini, statesman, Flor-ence, 1483; Cyrano de Bergerac, dramatist, Paris, 1619; Eliza-beth Barrett Browning, Durham, 1806; DEATHS: Francis Beaumont, dramatist, London, 1616; Davy Crockett, frontiersman, killed in

ous writer, Southampton, 1867; Louisa May Alcott, novelist, Boston, Massachusetts, 1888; Gottlieb Daimler, pioneer of the internal combustion engine, Cannstatt, Germany, 1900; John Redmond, Irish nationalist, London, 1918; John Philip Soura, composer and band lead-er, Reading, Pennsylvania, 1932; Zoltán Kodály, composer, Budapest, 1967; Pearl Buck, novelist, Nobel laureate 1938, Danby, Vermont, 1971. the battle of the Alamo, Texas, 1836; William Whewell, philosopher, Cambridge, 1866;

Memorial meeting

Mr Colin Eccleshare
A memorial meeting for Mr
Colin Eccleshare was held yes-Colin Eccleshare was held yesterday at the Bedford Corner
Hotel, Bayley Street, London,
WC1. Mr Michael Turner, VicePresident of the Publishers
Association, presided. Mr Philip
Attenborough, Chairman of
Hodder and Stoughton, Mr
William Shepherd, Managing
Director of Ginn and Company,
Mr Rayner Unwin. Deputy Mr Rayner Unwin, Deputy Chairman of Uowin Hyman, Mr John Dreyfus and Mr Mich-ael Geare also spoke. Among



Dinners

Medical Society of London
Professor Margaret TurnerWarwick, President of the Royal
College of Physicians, was the
principal guest at the annual
dinner of the Medical Society of London held last night at the college. Dr James Thomas Scott, president of the society, presided. RAF Club

of honour and speaker at a dinner of the Royal Air Force Clob Dining Society held last night at the club. Flight Lieutenant Leonard Williams, president of the society, presided

Professor B. Crossland was

Sir Norman Payne was the gues

speaker at a dinner held last night at The Athenaeum. Professor Sir Frederick Warner, presided. Reception

HM Government Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Scotland, was host last night at a reception given by Her Majesty's Govern-ment at 6 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh for the Scottish Committee of the Universities Fund-

Appointments Sir David Plastow is to succeed

Lord Jellicoe as Chairman of the Medical Research Council Mr David Durham to be Chief Executive of Companies House Executive Agency from April 18. He succeeds Mr Stephen Curtis who is to be Chief Executive (Designate) of the Driver Vehicle Liceosing Agency.

Mr John Chumrew to be Chairman Designate of the proposed Housing Action Trust in Southwark, south London.

Lectures Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and

Commerce Professor Jacques Darras deliv-ered the first Touche Ross lecture yesterday at the Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce. Mr John Drummond presided.

Glaziers' Company
Mr Michael Archer delivered
the fourth Glaziers' Lecture at Glaziers' Hall last night. Mr Stewart F Peck, Master of the Glaziers' Company, assisted by the Wardens, received the



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AT The Portland Hospital to Citris and Kathy. a son. Cole Armstrong.

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Jacqueline (nie Spencer) and
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Edward Colvin. CASS - On March 3rd 1990, to Carol (take Bong) and Richard, a daughter, Lucy Jean.

Jean.
CLEVELY - On February 9th
1990 to Sydney, to Joanne
(nie Greatwell) and Rupert.
a daughter Coco Samantha
Milliont. CRANE - On February 28th, to Kathleen (nie Daty) and Bob, a daughter. Lucy Elizabeth. Thanks to all at Mayday.

Croydon.

de la FOREII - On March 4th to
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Tarquin, a datahter. Sophie
kristina. A sister for
Nicholat.
pusors - On March 3rd 1990
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Wilson). and Philippe. a
daughter. Charlotte Leonora.
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February 25th at Tre

DU BONSEAUDRY - On February 25th at The Portiand Hospital, London, to Otivier and Caroline, a 2001. Constantin, a brother for Antonia. Feticia 2nd Victoria. SHOULT On February 26th to Francesca (nie Snow) and Robert, a son, Jules Anthony Christopher. ESSER - On March 2nd at The

ESSER - On March 2nd at The Portiand Hospital, to Tul (nee France) and Robin, a son, Samuel Charles Bradley, a brother for Jacob.

GERTH - On March 4th to Frances (nee Adam) and John, a daughter Alice Mary Jane, o sister for Sophia.

GESSON - On February 18th 1990 to Hong Kong to Sandy (nee Woolcott) and David, a son, Fraser Hamilton, brother to Morgan and Resemund.

GESSON - On March 4th, 1990, ASCHAN - On March 3rd, suddenly at Chadington, Arm
Jean (nee) Martineau, loved
wife of the late Krister, loving mother of Josephine and
loved grandmother of Daniel,
Rachel and Joshun, Funeral
on Saturday March 10th
20m at the Church of St Michael and Joshun, Funeral
on Saturday March 12th at
12.30pm at Hendington,
Oxford.

ERENT - On February 27th,
suddenly and peacefully at
Hillington Hospital, Daphne,
daughter of LL Col. A.R.
Barby, widow of H.S. Gerry)
Berent, beloved mother of
Cella and Caroline (Richmond), devoted
grandmother, aunt and great
aunt, cherished friend of
many, Funeral at St Mary's
Church, Blechingley, at 3pm
on Friday March 3th, preceded by Requisem at 9.15 am,
No flowers; donations in St
Mary's P.C.C., Blechingley
Rectory, Redibill, Surrey,
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BRINGES On Saturday
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of Winchelses, East Suner,
Dearly loved husband of
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Thomas's BERSON - On March 4th, 1990.

daughter, OCADE Victoria Britatio.

Oni.DSTRIM: On February 27th to York to Exhibita (née Finrowisti) and Nicholas, twin daughters, Hannah Elizahett and Natalie Anne.

Onitine On February 26th at The Portland Hospital to Pauline (née Alexander) and Paul, the gift of a son, Harry Alexander Hadley.

Pani, the gar to a son, Harry Alexander Hadley, ROWELL - On March 1st, to Jane (née Leyland) and Paul, a son. Thomas Heavy. A brother for Jonathan and Claire. KENT - On March 3rd, to Su-san and Leale, a daughter (Curilla Lavender), o sister for Rebecca. KEYS - On March 2rd 1990 to Helen and Richard a Helen and Richard a daughter, Lettila Mary at Cuckfield.

Cuckfield. On Tuesday January 30th to Maggy and Andrew, a daughter, Martha Elizabeth. A sister for Jesses.

LLOYD-JONES - On February 25th to Sarah and Jonathan. a son, Jamie Alexander, a brother for Tom and Offver.

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POURTER - On March 5th to Rebecta (nee Otaki) and Trevor of Bishops' Square, Rochester a daughter Jessica

Rochester a daughter Jessica Bryony. POZNANSKY - On March 1.st in Kendel to Gilliam and Joneiman. a daughter. Harriet Jessica Rose, a sister for Jositus and Sebastian. ROBA - On March 2nd at The Portland Hospital, in Karim and Ghada Roda, a son. Abdellah Karim Roda. SCOTT - On March 2nd to Surah (não Archer) and Justin, a daughter Emily.

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Portland Hospital to Sarah
and, Gregor, o son, Rollo
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SEAL - On February 27th in
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Charles Anthony, a brother
for Edward.

WHITHOME - On March 2nd, to
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Lavy.

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ANNIVERSARIES

ACKROYD - Iris thanks for a wonderful year. Looking for-ward to the next and many more. Happy 1st anniversa-ry. Loving you forever. Gracine xxxxxx

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David Wood, Richard to
Barbara, Love from Caroline
and Charles.

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ZEAL On March 3rd to John and Ketty. a daughter Charlotte Alison. A stater for William and Thomas and a half stater for James.

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mother of Katherine, Funeral
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much loved father and
grandinther. Requirem Mass
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Road. London. Sw7. on
Tuesday March 13th at 11
am followed by private interment. Family flowers only
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CRUTTWELL - On March 3rd
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his 11 grandichildren, other
family and friends, and his
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Arthur KCSG FFRBS MD.
fortified by the Holy Riles of
the Church,
FOWLES - On March 1st 1990,
at Belmont, Elizabeth,
mother of Anna and wife of
John. "Alone, alone, is
always the same." Funeral at
Exeter Crematorium on
Friday March 9th at 2.00pm,
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donations to Marchillan
Fund, Cancer Relief.
FRASER - On March
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peacefully in hospital, Major
Norman Columner Rid., (late
Cameron Highlanders),
much loved Brother of
Marjorle and Uncle of Ann.
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husband of Mae, last
surviving member of Gerard
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Manufacturers. Cremation
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please. Donations to Heart
Foundation Fund. HARTWELL . On March 3rd

1990. pescenity. Hilde-garde, of the Herts and Essex Hospital. Beloved wife of the tale Rev. Dr. Herbert Hartwell. Funeral at Water Lane United Reform Church. Bishop's Stortford, at 1.30 p.m. on Friday 9th March.

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CAYZER - On March 4th, pencefully to hospital after a courageous fight. Tony, dearly beloved historial of Sybile, devoted Inther of Kinvara. Rossause and Verena, much loved stepfather of Delphine and loving granulather of Delphine and loving granulather of Sana, Thomas, David. Edward and Camilla. Funeral at the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St. Alban, Salurday 10th March at 11.50cm. Flowers may be sent to the Abbey. In accordance with Tony's wishes there will be no Memorial Service.

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husband of Lily. father of
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of Gillian. He will be sadly
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Edith, aged 83, only daugh-

MARRIES - On March 3rd.
Suddenly and unexpectadly.
The Revid Canon Raymond O.B.E., aged 72. Funeral All Saints Church Porthcawl Mid Clarnorgan at 11.30 am Friday March 9th fullowed by cremation at Margem.
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Luke's Hospital for the Cargy. 14 Fizroy Square.
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Joanne. darling wife of Freddic and adored mother of Carole Devinh, Hedley and Victoria Kale Ghrst.
Funeral private. Service of Thanksgiving at 2.30pm on Friday, 16th March at 6th Marry Parish Church.
Bairombe. West Sussex.

NOLINE'S - On March 1st trapically sped 52. Charles Lawrence Holmes. M.R.
PHARM. S. Husband of Kathleen, son of Nora and Charles and Sufaer of Charles, Henry and Pani.
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Deacefully at Eastbury Manor. Compton. March 3rd 1990.
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LEBERARES - On March 3rd 1990.
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LEVY - On February 28th.
Helena, in hospital, aged 89.
Wife of the late Kenneth Levy. Funeral Residen on Monday March 12th at Saint Mary's Bourne Street SW1 at 6.30pm. No flowers

please.

LUCAS - On March 3rd 1990.

Brigadier H.F. Lucas C.B.E.

Late R.E. aged 93 years.

Beloved husband of Prene.

Funeral at St. George's

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MANSOUR - On March 2nd

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35 years, in California. Much

loved husband of Kocab and

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Afal. Rafik and Ham. Funeral

service on Thursday.

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Beach. Condolences received

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on Saturday and Sunday.

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Miccill. Jocill On March 4th.

Joseph, former rector of St.

Mary-le-Bow, greetly loved

by his family and muny

friends. Fineral private.

Date of memorial service to

be announced.

BEAKIM - On March 2nd.

Cyril Aifred. dearest

husband of Rosby and

faiter of Timothy. Michael

and John. Private cremation.

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MESER - On Saturday

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Funeral service at Barnstuple

Crematorium, Devon. on Fri
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MITCHELL - On March 4th

1990. to his 88th year, at

Beamont Nursing Centre, at

Beamon

Dowers please.

MORGAN - On March 1st, Pauline, sister and dear friend to her brothers, Philip and Peter and sadly, missed by Maurcen, Lisa, Tracy, B.J., Scott and little Cottendor

MORGAN - On March 1st 1990, at Kings College Hospital, Pauline Jesse Mary Morean, Missed and loved by all. Resting at: Co-Operative all Resting at Co-Operative Funeral Home. Rye Lane. SE15, London, Funeral Services will take place at Ho Oak Crematorium, on Friday March 9th at 4pm. All flow ers (sprays) to be sent to the Co-Operative Functal Home, 202 Rye Lane, SE15,

NeumfoRD - On Merch 1st. (Nanny) Neille E. to her 100th year. peacefully at Drapers Homes, Margale. March 3rd 1990, peacefully to his steep whilst abroad, Sir Joseph, aged 75 years, beloved husband of Eugenie. Charles, Tolana, Louise, Rosemaris and Eugenie. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

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Elizabeth, loving wife of
Brian and beloved mother of
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Charles. Funeral service at
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dearly loved mother and
grandmother. Private cremation. Donations please to The
Friends of St Lubr's Hospital,
Guildford. 'The Lord lift up
his countenance upon thee
and give thee peace'.

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Edith, aged 83, only daughter of Col. Richard Tyler Russell D.S.O. G.M.G. de-cassed. Funeral at Mortlake Crematorium on Friday March 9th at 12.30 p.m. Sad-

March 9th at 12.30 p.m. Sad-by missed.

\$AUNDERS On March 2nd after a long times Prederic (Geoff) light beloved husband of the late Betry and futher of Robin. Fumeral service at 2.30pm on Friday March 9th at Beckenham Crematorium. Floral tributes to Francia Chappell and Sone, 238 High St., Beckenham.

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STANLEY - On February 28th 1990 Lilli (née Malandrakt) of Woldingham, Surrey-Pescefuity at the Marie Carle Nursins Home. Mitch lowed wife of John and mother of Nigel, Stephen, Charles and Richard. Cremation private, combined English and Greek service of Thanksglving for all friends at St. Paul's Church, Woldingham, Surrey at Sum on March 23rd 1990. No Flowers, donastions it desired to Harestone Marie Curle Home, Harestone Valley Road, Caterham, Surrey.

STEWART - On February 26th 1990. peacefully at Walsgrave Hospital. Coventry. William Stewart. formerly of Springfield Fife, beloved husband of the lab Ethel Anneow, devoted father of Peter, and grandfather of Shahen and Fam.

STOCK - On February 28th 1990. suddenby at home, Reginald Ernest, of Plasticable Lid. Dearty beloved husband, father and grandfather, Funeral private.

TETLEY - On March 1st 1990.

Plasticable Lin. Dearty beloved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral private, lower house, father and grandfather. Funeral private, TETLEY - On March 1st 1990, peacefully. Colonel Petrick, two Delaval Tetley. T.D. D.L. of Hackmans, Plumpton, Sussex. Muchloved brother. brother-in-loved breid and fellow yeomen. He will be sadly missed. A funeral service will be held on Wednesday March 14th. to East Chillington Church, at 2.45 pm. Donations many be sent for the Army Benevotent fund to c/o 200 Battery, R.A.(V). T.A. Centre. 198 byte Read. Brighton, Sussex.

THWAITES - On 3rd March 1990, peacefully at Kings College Hospital, Dr. John Gibert Thwaites aged 84 years. Dearly loved husband of Roosmarie, loving father of Jennifer. Hugh and Richard and dear grandfather of fine. Service at Beckenham Crematurium, Elmers Fund Road, on Friday, 9th March at 3.00pm. Family flowers only blesse.

TOWNESIND COLES - On Sunday March 4th, peacefully. Dr. William Francis MD. F.R.C.P. Funeral to bide place at Tumbridge Wellis crematorium on Wednesday 14th March at 11.50m. All enquiries to W.Hodges, 0732 454457.

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was appointed Liquidator of the
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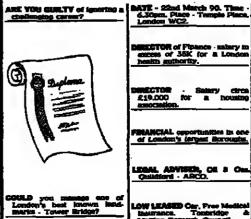
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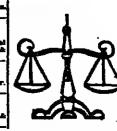
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Current shockers

TELEVISION Sheridan Morley

Monday having been designated current-affairs night on television, a decision which must go back to the BBC's scheduling of Panna there some time in the middle 1950s, three major documentaries were scheduled last night (plus, of course, Central TV's Cook Report Special, which has made front-page, not arts-page news). All were alarming in the stories they told of democracy in

decay all over the world.

Panorama (BBC 1) itself came closest to home with Jane Corbin's investigation of the Police Complaints Commission. At a time when there is an unprecedented public crisis of confidence in the wake of the Guildford Four case, the break-up of the West Mid-lands Crime Squad and the Wapping report, police are still demanding the rights to investigate complaints against them-selves, and refusing, in some cases, to suspend officers who have been shown to falsify evidence. Families told of midnight raids,

mistaken arrests, blackmail used to solicit statements — while Peter Imbert, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, admitted that offi-cers are "still hiding behind the system". Lord Scarman called for the complete abolition of the Commission but, faced with mounting allegations of malpractice, there still seems to be remarkably little achieved in the way of tougher sanctions or public police dismissals.

World in Action (ITV) went further afield, to the small Romanian town of Focsan deep in the Moldavian plains, where two months after Ceansescu's death they found a nightmare of bureaucratic muddle and betrayed ideal-ism. While the revolutionary victors tried to carve democracy out of a dictatorship, food queue are growing longer, the old villains are regaining power by default, and the new leaders are unable to sort out the chaos of a political system in transition, leaving the people too shell-shocked to benefit and the system itself ripe for a counter-revolution that grows more chillingly possible by the

On Channel Four, Cutting Edge turned to South Africa, where four white anti-Apartheid brothers have been charged mysteriously with the destruction of their own property. The white comhas isolated and bankrupted the Watson brothers but it cannot even now defeat their liberalism: democracy appears to be surviving under pressure in South Africa and Romania, though perhaps not in a British police station.

Benedict Nightingale argues that our subsidized theatre companies are neglecting their duty to present and continue to re-evaluate contemporary British dramatists

Time to play our own

urprisingly, it has never happened before. Our national theatre companies have sent the West End new work and adaptations, reclaimed classics and even the odd musical: a Les Mis, a Guys, and Dolls. But tonight, when Bent moves from Lyttelton to Garrick, is the first time either National or RSC has transferred a revival of a recent home-grown play.

As unique events go, that may not be exactly apocalyptic. But it points out a larger lapse. Recent home-grown plays are never trans-ferred because recent home-grown plays are so rarely revived by either National or RSC. In their wish to do justice to this or that period, they have almost entirely ignored the theatrical period bang beneath their educated noses.

How else can one now describe the three-odd decades since John Osborne's Look Back in Anger first blistered our ears with its blow-torch rhetoric? Future the atre historians will not merely categorize our century's second half as a distinct "period". They will surely talk of a renaissance of drama: not as extraordinary as the one that occurred under the first Elizabeth, but richer than those sparked by the Restoration playwrights, or Shaw and Granville Barker in the 1890s and 1900s.

Some of our era's plays have dwelt on the individual, some on the world he or she edgily inhabits. But together they embody the anxiety, pain, frustration, chall-enge, comedy, and occasionally even exhibitration of living in times that raise a million private and public questions and definitively answer none. Think of David Storey's Contractor, evoking a peculiarly modern impermanence by the simple device of showing the raising and lowering of a wedding tent. Think of Alan Ayckbourn's bleaky hilarious study of class mobility, Absurd Person Singular, or Joe Orton's scurrilous Loot, or, indeed, Sherman's Auschwitz play Bent: as shattering a contribution to sexual history now as when the Royal Court first produced it in 1979.

Of course, both national companies have helped to create this renaissance, giving us new work by Arden, Ayckbourn, Gray, Shaffer, Nichols, Bond, Griffiths, Wood. Had the National not put on his Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead, Stoppard might still be an upmarket journalist. Had the RSC not assayed his Homecoming, Pinter might now be better known as a screenwriter than as a playwright.



Nicol Williamson with Sheila Allen in John Oshorne's Inadmissible Evidence, at the Royal Court, 1964

Yet the National has still to remember Stoppard's dazzling debut by resuscitating Rosencrantz itself, and, apart from a Caretaker at the Lyttelton in 1980, neither company has revived anything by Pinter - surely our finest living dramatist. It may be a priority to launch new plays, as the National did with Pinter's No Man's Land and the RSC with Stoppard's Travesties, but it is also the job of a major company to see how seaworthy such vessels remain. he RSC, of course, has

an obligation to its house-dramatist, Shakespeare. It also has marginally the better record, having revived eight recent British plays in its 30-year history, compared with seven by the National in a slightly shorter time. But it has chosen narrowly and, sometimes, eccentrically. It has restaged no fewer than three pieces by Edward Bond, and has disinterred Howard Brenton's paranoid Churchill Play twice, despite Britain's refusal to become the concentration camp of its author's predictions.

ranged from Wesker's Roots and Stoppard's short Real Inspector Hound to David Hare's Fanshen. But two of those productions were mounted for educational tours, and settled only briefly into the Cottesloe. Moreover, this is a mpeny which has revived plays by Shaw on nine occasions, Ibsen and Chekhov on eight each, and Molière on seven.

With new productions planned of his Crucible and After the Fall, even Arthur Miller will have rated seven National revivals. Yet London still awaits a serious opportunity to reassess such striking stuff as Peter Nichols's Day in the Death of Joe Egg, Simon Gray's Otherwise Engaged, and Caryl Churchill's Top Girls.

Those plays would seem enough in themselves to counter one objection to this line of argument, that it can become a chauvinist numbers same. It is true that dramatic eloquence may transcend country and period. The National's revival of Fuente Ovejuna, which Lope de Vega wrote in 1612, was a more scathing critique of class privilege Jackets II, now at the Bush. But there must be 60 home-grown plays which merit what only the National or RSC can offer, prestige, class, and ensemble acting.

Everyone will have a different list. Mine would extend to Arden's Armstrong's Last Goodnight, Wood's Veterans, Frayn's Clouds, E.A. Whitehead's Old Flames, Rudkin's Ashes, Hare's Plenty, Bond's The Fool, Griffiths's Comedians, and Osborne's Inadmissible Evidence, still the best study of the male menopause yet

And what about the late C.P. Taylor's wry yet devastating portrait of the making of an SS killer, Good? What of the forgotten Peter Terson, author of the archetypal football-hoodlum drama Zigger Zagger, or the neglected Mustapha Matura, surely our finest black playwright?

We are, after all, talking about drama certain to seize the mind and feelings as boldly as any being written nowadays, in what one fears is the sunset of our renaissance: modern classics, which it would be criminal not to cherish.

Conquest of the past

DANCE John Percival

Kirov Ballet Paris Opera

Just imagine the difference it would have made to bellet this century if Balanchine had not left Leningrad at the age of 20. Diaghilev would have lacked his last great choreographer, Stravin-sky his ideal collaborator. New York City Ballet, if it existed at all, would be entirely other than it is. And pure dance might not have gained its ascendancy over oldstyle story ballets.

Balanchine needed the influence of Diaghilev, Stravinsky and New York city to develop (among other styles) the kind of evocative, music-inspired ballets be created in Scotch Symphony and Theme and Variations, both of which were mounted in Leningrad last year by two of his former American colleagues, respectively Suzanne Farrell and Francia Russell. Thus, six years after his death, the fruits of his long self-imposed artistic exile came home to his

Already the Kirov Ballet has shown them - to a somewhat carping reception - in New York. Last week they reached Paris; London can expect them in the summer. Both, by evoking past eras, draw attention to connections between French, Russian, American and British traditions. Inspired by a visit to the Edinburgh Festival in 1952, Scotch Symphony uses the last three movements of Mendelssohn's music for homage to the oldest surviving romantic ballet, La Sylphide, and its period. Effervescent creatures in pink tulle are partnered by men in predominantly red tartan kilts. A besotted lover courts a swift, light sylph. The folded arms and twinkling feet of Scottish dancing are transformed into ballet steps.

Theme and Variations, to the last movement of Tchaikovsky's Suite No 3, was commissioned by Ballet Theatre in 1947 to show off two great stars, Alonso and Youskevitch. It incarnates a past grandeur: imperial Russia seen through mid-20th-century eyes and bodies. There are solos of baffling virtuosity; a hig duet encompassing contrasted moods; swift and slow entries for a female ensemble; and a ceremonious finale to cumulative fanfares.

Judging by two casts I saw, these productions suit the Kirov women better than the men. Elena Pankova is beautifully light and swift as the sylph; Galina Mezentseva does that role with a more gracious serenity. Larissa Lezhuina, a slim young blonde not seen before in Western Europe, has quick, pretty solos in Scotch



Shrewd hero: Andris Liepa Symphony full of scintillating

jumps and entrechats.
Of course the Kirov dancers perform these works very dif-ferently from Balanchine's own company, but that was something he himself always seemed happy to accept, and if one misses American clarity and precision, Russian lyricism is something to be welcomed.

Oleg Vinogradov, the Kirov director, has drawn meticulously detailed backcloths (uncredited in the Paris programmes) for both these productions, the one for Theme and Variations showing the great blue and gold 19th-century auditorium of the Kirov Theatre: an apt welcome for a prodigal's return.

The spirit of change that allowed Vinogradov to mount these works has permitted him to add a third ballet to this programme, his own political reinterpretation of Petrushka, created last year for Scottish Ballet and given its Kirov company premiere in Paris.

He has sharpened some details, including the caricatures of Stalin Brezhnev and Khrushchev, and the ballet gains from the greater numbers and experience of the Kirov *corps de ballet*.

The title role, a lone figure resisting oppression until his death stirs others to join the struggle, went first to Andris Liepa, the young former Bolshoi star who is now a regular Kirov guest. His interpretation, splendidly danced, makes Petrashka a shrewd figure, seeing through the guileful promises of politicians and using a clown's disguise to hide his wiles. Sergei Vikharev, a dancer of sinuously soft fluency, proved even more moving, playing the part as a holy innocent, fired with a fervour he seems

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ROCK Alasdair Crewe

Johnny Clegg and Savuka Hammersmith Odeon

Johnny Clegg offers living proof that it is possible to become an international success without making it big in the UK. Though his intoxicating blend of tra-ditional Zulu styles and rock music has already given him platinum albums and number one singles in most parts of the world, such success has so far eluded him in Britain, despite his building up a dedicated following through his

celebratory live shows. Fittingly for the last European dates of a gruelling world tour, the hall was packed with dancing bodies on both nights, as Clegg led the seven-piece band through a selection of material from

Savuka's three albums, plus songs from his early days with Juluka. With the latest album, Cruel,

Crazy, Beautiful World, Savuka's sound has evolved a much harder feel. Clegg now gives his guitar playing a freer rein, using the intricate, fluid Zulu-style to great effect on new material such as "Your Time Will Come" and "Bombs Away". The new single, "One (Hu)Man, One Vote" offers a rallying cry for democracy, pointing to the resonance between events in Eastern Europe and in

South Africa. Clegg's consistent opposition to apartheid has put him at the centre of negotiations over the finetuning of the cultural boycott of South Africa, at the behest of the ANC and SAMA (the South African Musicians' Alliance).

Dance is still a strong visual element of the stage show, though with dancer Du Du Zulu injured, it was left to backing singer Mandisa Dlanga to accompany Clegg in his loose-limbed dances.

CONCERT Noël Goodwin

Philharmonia/Giulini Festival Hall

A need to end all four movements of Brahms's Third Symphony softly and at a moderate tempo has never been the problem for Carlo Maria Giulini that it has for some conductors.

He found an exact way of reaching so quiet a resolution of big-scale symphonic argument in a masterly performance with The onia, at the start of a programme he will give again here

There was immease dignity and not a little passion as the work was unfolded with a measured and rhythmic poise that denied nothing of grandeur to the outer movements, yet could make the movements, yet could make the Andante seem almost like a lullaby.

Freaks

declares Genevieve de Kermabom

of the cast of the provocatively named Freaks, which is the first international production of Glas-gow's 1990 theatre season. This

could shine through a rickness of texture that seemed to take on a quite different belance by having the violas on the platform scated outside the celles.

Reasoned symphonic discussion was followed in the second part by fairy-tale enchantment, in two gorgeously coloured tapestries hung side by side. Translucest subtlety of instrumental shading brought a shimmering beauty to Ravel's Mother Goose suite though it could be thought unwise of any conductor, in Britain in March, to programme this in and risk the disruption of its fabric by so broachitic an andience.

. The Firebird has a sturdier texture, and the six panels that make up Stravinsky's 1919 suite from the ballet were here balanced between sharply accented rhythms and lissom grace of phrasing, the finales of this and of Ravel achieving a glowing grandeur.
After each suite the orchestral soloists were deservedly given separate calls, though in fact the ensemble counted no less.

Hilary Finch

Die Fledermans Grand, Belfast

Opera Northern Ireland has just opened its first spring season. A substantial increase in both sponsorship and support from Beifast City Council has enabled it to do so; and if it is able to build on the success of this Fledermaus it could well have a nicely complementary light-repertoire slot to balance the main autumn run.

Although not entirely home-grown, this is one of the most stylish shows to grace Frank Matcham's Victorian theatre in some years. The production has been borrowed from Welsh National: it is Helmut Polixa's slightly self-conscious but most handsomely designed (Kathryn Kegler) staging, with its polar-bear rug, giass-domed ballroom and floorto-ceiling prison. Tim Coleman, Opera Northern Ireland's resident dramaturg, has directed this run, finding his own sharp balance of farce and finesse.

STEPHEN FRY



such a pageant of dapper exits and entrances, minutely-timed di-

of a bat's wing, creates a tension between simplicity and sophistication which is at the heart of Johann Strauss's operetta.

Parry has not only a keenly responsive Ulster Orchestra at his fingertips, but a nicely-picked cast whose balance of the young and the older troupers sends off sparks. Rosalinde, Eisenstein and Alfredo are all blessed with easeful natural voices and the intelligence to hone them dramatically. Susan Bullock, Adrian Thompson and Peter Coleman-Wright play their trios instinctively, and Thompson's wooing song went down like the finest Tokaj.

Sandra Dugdale and Thomas Lawlor anchor the performance in

Heart-breaking skills THEATRE Alasdair Cameron Tramway, Glasgow "The members of my company are not disabled, they are actors,"



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caution is unnecessary. Though at first we may notice the disabilities of many of the company, these are almost instantly forgotten.

The cast of Freaks displays a thearical skill, beauty and grace, which would banish all patronizing thoughts from even the most insensitive voyeur. What de Kermabom and her company

provide is a piece of pure theatre which moves, thrills and delights us and finally breaks our hearts. The story is simple and set in a circus. The dwarf (the word is used) Hans has falled in love with the trapeze artist Cleopatra, "queen of air and space", forsaking his fiancie Freda. Cleopatra

conspires to marry Hans and then to poison him and inherit his money. Her plot is discovered, however, and the other members of the circus pursue Cleopatra, wanting revenge for her greed and her insulting description of them as own fear which destroys her. This final scene is thrillingly staged on a safety net high above the heads of the andience. We are spared the sight of her destruction, because "evil when it is laid bare is too horrible to look at". We are also chastened because we realize

that in this mirror world the able-

bodied are the real freaks. De Kermabom disclaims any purpose for Freaks other than to relate a story. Using blue light and flaming torches Alain Poisson, the lighting designer, and de Kermabom create an eerie atmosphere, heightened by ethereal music from outlandish in-struments which look like amaryl-

lis lilies

Surreal touches such as a large blue cat with sparkling eyes, a chariot with dragon-fly wings and a gilded dragon figurehead spitting fireworks, serve further to unsettle us. In a particularly stunning nightmare sequence, the performers become genuinely terrifying shadows and Geopatra seems to fulfil her desire to die "in an angel's leap without wings". The sequence is one of those moments when you realize the inadequacy of words in the face of pure

Glasgow's festivals unit has planned an exciting season for the Tramway Theatre in 1990; I doubt if they will better Freaks. The seven performances in Glasgow are the last ever. No one who loves theatre should miss them.

Instinctive: Coleman-Wright He could not have achieved

alogue and a veritable tightrope of movement and inter-relationships without the collaboration of David Parry in the pit. Their partnership is the key to the chemistry: the reason why a pair of trousers falling down or a jacket being put on complete with its clothes' hanger works beyond the level of crude farce is simply because a context has been created. And that context, drawn from string playing vividly phrased and as light as the brush

earthier humour as a vocally astute Adéle and a delightfully opera-hating Frosch. The warder is all but upstaged by the governor. Eric Roberts' Frank provides a virtuoso cameo of near Marceauesque movement. Verona James is a pert, lightweight Orlofsky with some fine Russian labials; Mark Holland a somewhat sombre Falke. There are further performances tonight, Thursday and Saturday: Fledermans fanciers across the water should make straight for the next Shuttle.





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hanging attitudes towards fashion, which stricken retail-ers might translate as a crisis of fashion boredom, are providing women with a more comfortable and relaxed way to dress.

At the Milan shows which kick off the international season of collections for autumn 1990, it is apparent from the voluminous drawstring parkes worn over a beautiful sweater and snug leggings, or the new "slouch" jacket with its easy cut worn over a short skirt, that this is a very Italian way to dress.

All the energy and humour of the Italian spirit is being seen over and over again in the racy, rugged-looking clothes being shown in Milan this week. The stars of the season are unquestion-

ably the basic parks jacket and the hooded duffel, which the Italians, like the French, insist on calling a Montgom-ery. From this broad-shouldered, hooded line, the fishionable silhouette tapers to a brief skirt or narrow trousers and leggings. Washed silk and fashion's new hi-tech fabric, microfibre, whose similar peachbloom texture absorbe colour superbly and whose tightly-woven surface shrugs off the rain, are the stuff seen billowing down the carwalk at every show, often puffed up with padding. The prevailing mood for a sportier

style suits Giorgio Armani perfectly. Italy's maestro of relaxed dressing, who took the stuffing out of fashionable tailoring a decade ago, continues to set the pace with a display of Italian fashion's major strengths, its innovative textiles (Armani orders around 300 exclusive fabrics for each collection) and its technologically superb manufacturing skills. While his own-name Topline invariably soothes the eye at the end of the schedule of Milan shows, with its particular brand of polished good taste, Emporio Armani, the sportier line that sells in his Knightsbridge store, established the new look for the season at the

start of the shows. Armani has put new slouch into his check tweed jacket, worn with trousers gathered in like golfing plus fours. His cape is a curvy cocoon of thick velours

worn with thigh-high flat suede boots.

Fake "ecological" furs are the new pets in Milan, not just at Emporio, where tiger and leopard capes and long coats stalked the catwalk with cord-fringed, mock beaver shawis, but in most of the shows seen so far.

At Krizia, fake chinchilla muffles the horse-patterned grey sweaters that will be the runaway success of next winter. In her youthful, energetic collection for Krizia, Mariuccia Mandelli adds extra bonnee to her parkes with a thick cord gathering in hemlines and knotting loosely her long, chasuble costs, worn over ribbed leggings and comfortable, loose sweaters. Encrustations of embroidery in her new eagle motif smother







Top left: New slouch double-fronted jacket in beige and brown checks, with cream knitted shorts and squashy felt hat, Emporio Armeni
Top right: Yellow quilted parks over tartan shorts jumpsuit, Oliver by Valentino Above left: Hooded yellow suede parks, Versus by Gianni Versace
Above right: Hooded coat in turquoise and gold brocade, Gianfranco Ferre
Photographs by TIM BISHOP

short tight skirts as well as lapping over the shoulders of tailored jackets.

The two British designers at Byblos, Alan Cleaver and Keith Varty, always create relaxed, sporty clothes, and this season their anoraks and shawl-collared coats come in Mexican blanket wool. MaxMara, one of Italy's top-selling

labels, to be found in stores across the UK, translated the look at its most wearable with beautiful thick-pile travel coats with drawstring waists, and hooded parkes in padded silk, worn over narrow trousers or leggings. Even Gianni Versace, known for his

structured, giamorous line, had relaxed his look; "these are clothes for women who go to work", he claims. His brightly coloured trench costs cinched tight over a bodyhugging skimp of a dress, and his favourite micro-short skirts, are obviously designed for the women he sees in his studio, such as his tiny blonde sister,

Donatella, poured into leggings.

Nevertheless Versace has tamed his extravagances and paraded one of his best collections ever, with sporty-looking blousons and parkas executed in vibrant

shades of emerald, violet and pink.

like a bathrobe, bomber jackets, and hooded duffel coats that celebrate the luxury and colour that sum up Italian fashion. "I love simply sporty shapes in rich fabrics," he says of his oriental, porcelain-patterned brocades and bronze lace, layered to look like tweed, and the gold-sequinned pullovers that are the stars of his collection. Since everybody has now copied Ferré's signature white shirt with its high collar and deep cuff, he has replaced it with a grey turtle neck.

Nobody need expect a straight catwalk show from Franco Moschino. The designer whose current passion is his new wardrobe of Savile Row suits, and whose publicity campaign - featuring a vampire who feeds on fashion victims carries the slogan "Stop the Fashion System", is staging a happening at the Fiera tomorrow.

The new Moschino line? "They are just clothes," he shrugs. "Like last season and the season before that."

For the uninitiated, this means a jeans jacket in ruffled brocade or a Marie Antoinette panniered skirt mixed with a fringed suede cowboy jacket. Clothes are not taken seriously by Moschino. "I may Gianfranco Ferré, celebrated for his be a jester," he says, "but I am a architectural silhouettes, endorses the suggester, an observer, even a philosnew relaxed mood with long coats cut opher, never a fashion designer."

Perfect partnership

He calls her "the boss". She sometimes calls him "my bridegroom". The partnership of Aldo Pinto and Marincela Mandelli, the couple behind the Krizia label, is an explosion of two exuberant and forceful personalities who have together put their stamp on international fashion. Mariuccia Mandelli started alone in 1954 when she gave

up teaching to make simple dresses. She picked the name Krizia from a Plato dialogue the initial Greek C to a K Since their marriage in 1966, Aldo has applied his administrative skills to her design talent and intuitive understanding of women to turn Krizia into a \$350 million empire that today sells ceramics and scents as well as Krizia Poi (lower priced line), menswear, knitwear and children's wear. These are all regularly rate theatre in the 18thcentury neo-classic palazzo that is their Milan base. The K Club, a line of luxurious which she plans to franchise to

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THEATRE Jeremy Kingston

LONDON

SUNDAY IN THE PARK WITH GEORGE: Long-enticipated London premiere of Sondheim's 1984 musical inspired by Seurat's painting of a million dots: Philip Quast as George, Maria Friedman as

National Theatre (Lyttetton), South Bank, SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterioo. Now previewing. Opens March 15, 7pm. This week Mon-Sat 7.30pm; (from March 17) Wed and Sat mats 2.15om. Previews £7-£16. From March 15: Eves £9-£20, Wed mats £6-£12, Sat mats £7-

JEFFREY BERNARD IS UNWELL: Tom Conti takes over from Peter O'Toole as the drunk-about-town columnist, locked overnight in his "local". A great show if you're into the company of drunks.

Apollo Theatra, Shaftesbury Avenue,
W1 (01-437 2663). Tube: Piccadilly
Circus, Mon-Fri 8pm, Sat 8.30pm, Sat mat 5.30pm, £5-£16.

BENT: Powerful performance by lan Nazi camp: the words-only love scene conveying triumph within torment.

Garrick Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-379 8107). Tube: Leicester Square. From tonight: Mon-Sat 8-10.30pm, mat Sat 4-6.30pm, 29.50-

HANGOVER SQUARE: Excellent version by Cut and Thrust of Patrick Hamilton's nerving picture of a man's obsession with a treacherous tart; notably inventive is chart his journey to murder. Lyric Theetre, King Street, Hammer-smith, W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith, From tonight until Sat 7.45-9.45pm, mats Wed 2.30-4.30pm and Sat 4-6pm, £7.50-£12.50.

NEW ANATOMIES: Revival of early Timberiake Wertenbaker play on the life of Isabelle Eberhardt, Victorian explorer and transvestite nomad. From March 13, in repertory with The Dutch Courtesan and The Diviners, a so-so Jacobean revival and a strained modern mid-West

Man in the Moon Theatre, 392 King's Road, SW3 (01-351 2876). Tube: Stoans Square, then bus down the Kings Road. Preview tonight, 8.30pm. Opens tomor-

row, 8.30pm. Tues-Sun 8.30pm, £5. MY NAME, SHALL I TELL YOU MY NAME: Yew Theatre from County Mayo with Christina Reid's play about an old Protestant ex-soldier and the grand-daughter who grows away from him. Young Vic Theetre Studio, 66 The Cut, SE1 (01-928 6363). Tube: Waterloo. Previews from tonight, 8pm. Opens Fri, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat 8pm, mat Sat 5pm,

£6. Until March 24.

VALENTINO: Award-winning Snarling asties company combine with Bir mingham Rep to give a stylishly physical account of the sex-life of the screen idol. Half Moon Theatre, 213 Mile End Road, E1 (01-790 4000). Tube: Stepney Green. ens tomorrow. 7.30-9.30pm Sat, 7.30-9.30pm. Wed, Thurs £5.50; Frt, Sat £6.50. Until March 17.

LONG RUNNERS: Aspects of Love:

Prince of Wales Theatre (01-839 5972). . . Cats: New London Theatre (01-405 0072) . . . Les Lisisons Dangereuses: Ambassador Theatre (01-836 6111) . . . Me and My Girb tre (01-240 7913) . . . Les Miserables: Palace Theatre (01-434 0909) . . . Miss Salgon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (01-379 4444) . . . The setrap: St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443) . . . The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 Theatre (01-867 1119) . . . Starlight Express: Apolio Victoria (01-828 8665).

In his own preferred image

he set for Terry Eagleton's play Saint Oscar, preview-ing from tomorrow at Hampstead Theatre, is dominated by a lifesize statue (see our picture, right) of arrow-pierced St Sebastian suspended above the stage. This was, for several reasons, Oscar Wilde's favourite image and at times of stress he identified himself with it. The stresses of Wilde's life are the subject of Eagleton's play which the Irish touring company Field Day are bringing to London for a fourweek run after their highly successful tour on both sides of the border last autumn. The piece, very much a play of ideas rather than a narrative, is being tightened-up a little for its London premiere. Founded 10 years ago by Stephen Rea (right, as Wilde), and Brian Friel, the company was last seen over here in Friel's Translations, at the National Thearre last year. Eagleton is Lecturer on Critical Theory at Oxford University and this is his first play. Trevor Griffiths directs the first time he has directed a play that is not his own - and the cast includes Eileen Pollock as Wilde's Nationalist mother and Peter Hanly as the pettish Lord Alfred Douglas. The music is by Philip Chevron (of the Pogues) and Neil Martin. Hampstead Theatre, Swiss Cottage, NW3 (01-722 9301). Previews tomorrow and Thursday, 8pm. Opens Friday, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat 8pm, mat Sat 4pm. Previews £6. Then Mon £5, Tues-Fri evenings and Sat mat £7, Sat evening £8. Jeremy Kingston

OUTSIDE LONDON

BELFAST: Ghosts. New Northern Irist version of ibsen's drama of persons responsibility and burning orphanages: still set in Norway but with Uister talk. Lyrie Theetre, Ridgeway Street (0232 381061). Opens tonight 8pm. Then Mon-Sat 8pm, 25-26. Until March 24.

BIRMINGHAM: Flore Path. Rare revival for Terence Rattigan's 1942 study of wartime hopes, fears and courage, set in an hotel near a bomber airfield. Repertory, Broad Street (021 236 4455). Previews from Frl, 7.30pm. Opens Ma

13. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, £4.50-£12.50. Mats Mar 22, 29, 2.30pm; Mar 31, 3.30pm. CAMBRIDGE: Abourd Person Sing Alan Ayckbourn directs his 17-year-old Christmas play, a classic mix of farce and tragedy. En route for the West End. Arts," St Edward's Passage (0223 352000). Mon-Sat 8pm, mat Sat 4pm, 27-

£9; mat £6. Ends Sat. CARDIFF: Henry IV: Richard Harris, Sarah Miles, Ian Hogg, Harold Innocent, directed by David Thacker in the Piran-

dello play, beginning a tour before a West End run. New (0222 394844), Opens Mar 13; Tues-Sat 7.30pm, £7.15.£5, Mats Thurs and Sat 3pm. £7.50-£10, Until Mar 17.

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5 Home & Away (Mon 12.37/17:11) 14.70m
6 Wish You West Here (Mon/Thurs) 14.42m
7 Home & Away (Wed 12.31/17:11) 13.52m
8 Home & Away (Tues 12.37/17:11) 13.46m
9 Home & Away (Tues 12.37/17:11) 13.46m
18 The Still (Trurs/Fr) 13.32m

DUNDEE: 'Tis Pity She's a Whom. John Ford's gristy Jacobean tragedy of forbid-den love (brother for sister) updated to Mussolini's Italy, where you might think

such neccedifices would pass for Repertory, Tay Square (0382 23530). Opens Thurs 7.45pm. Then Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mat Sat 3pm. Mon-Fri 25, Sat eve 25.50. Sat mat £3. Until March 31.

GLASGOW: The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse: Tango-dancing playboy (Eamonn Walker) becomes First World novel, with a nod to the Valentino film. Citizens', Gorbals (041-429 5561). Preview Thurs, 7.30pm. Opens Fri, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat 7.30pm, £5. Until March

LEEDS: Wild Outs: Splendid new theatre opens with Reece Dinsdale and Sam Kelly playing master and servant in John O'Keeffe's sprightly Regency comedy of

nistakan identir rry. West Yorkshire Playhouse (0532 442111). Preview tomorrow, 7,30pm. Opens Thurs, 7,30pm. Then Mon-Set 7,30pm, mat Sat 4pm, 24-29-50. Until

LIVERPOOL: Love at a Loss: First revival since 1700 of Catherine Trotter's comedy, said to be withy and so daring

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three performances. Everymen, Hope Street (051 709 4776). Preview tonight, 8pm. Opens tomorrow, 8pm. Then Tues-Sat, 8pm. Preview £1: From tomorrow, £2-£6. Until March 31.

MANCHESTER: Yours, Anne: Music theatre version of Anne Frank's diaries includes material out by her editors; hard to imagine how this will be staged, but you never can tell. ibrary, St Peter'a Square (061 236

7110). Preview Fri, 7.30pm, Opens Sat, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Set 8pm. Mets Mar 14 and Mar 24, 3pm, £3-£8.50. Until March 31. PERTH: Making History. Scottish pre-miere for Brisn Friel's 1988 examination,

through the story of O'Nelf, Earl of Tyrone under Elizabeth I, of how history can be tailored to create a national

Perth Theore, 185 High Street (0738 21031). Opens Fri, 7,30pm, Mon-Set 7,30pm, met Set 2,45pm, 28,50, mets 24.50. Unit Mar 24. SOUTHAMPTON: Hirths, Marriages and

Deaths: The antics of a group of students at a college of journelism; said to be "carefree, crazy and durnsy", with Roger Lloyd Pack as the college porter. A co-production with TVS and Tyne-Tees; sty-pert television series follows. Nutfield, University Road (0703 671771). Previews from Thurs, 7,30pm. Opens March 13, 7.30pm, Then Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Set 8pm, met on Mer 31, 4pm, 26.96-27.95. Until March 31.

YORK: Ladies' Night. Paul Kerrison's touring production of "adults only" comedy about male strippers who take a girl's advice on how to improve their act. Theetre Royal, St Leonard's Place (0904 623568). Opened test right. Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8pm, mats Wed 2.30pm and Sat 4pm, £4.50-£9.50.

NAMED AND THE PARTY.

LONDON

ASTORIA, Chering Cross Road, WC2 (01-434 9592), 7.15pm, 21. Live at the Astoria: Regular Tuesday mix of stand-up comics and music acts featuring Nick Revell; Micheel Redmond; improvisation from Sandi Toksvig, Lee Simpson and Neil Mullerkey.

(01-263 7265). Doors 8.30pm; Show 9.30pm; £4 (£3 concs). Frt: (vor Dembina (compere); Mark Thomas, extended stand-up set, John Moloney, "angry young accordionist"; Linda Smith from heffield, Time Out award-winner James Macabre. Set: Mark Lamarr (compere); otherwise as Fri.

RED ROSE, 129 Seven Sisters Road, N7

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S WEEK: (Information: 01-451 0294) Mainly stand-up comedy, each night compered by Jo Brand; big night on

Friday. Wilesden Green Library Centre, High Rd, Willesden Green, NW10 (01-451 0294). Show 8.30pm; £3.50. Thurs: Australian Judy Pascoe; Brenda Gil Hook: Michelle Read

Old White Horse, Britton Road, SW2 (01-487 3440). Doors 9pm; Show 9.30pm; £3.50. Frt: Stand-ups Jenny Eciair and Michelle Reid; The Frank Chickens, known for their Karsoka TV show.

Hackney Empire, 291 Mare Street, E8 (01-985 2424). Doors 8pm; Show 9pm; 25. Sat: Hattie Hayridge; Linda Smith; Judy Pascoe; Frank Chickens; and token man Eddie Izzard.

Wood Green TU Centre, Station Road N22 (01-487 3440). Doors 8.30pm; Show Spm; £3.50. Sun: Jenny Ectair; Jenny Bone: Michelle Read. KING'S HEAD, 2 Crouch End Hill, N8 (01-

340 1028). Doors 8pm; Show 8.30pm; 53 (22 concs). Sat: Mark Hurst (aka Mark Miwurdz); Frank Skinner. Sun: "Excellent" Nick Revail- Ian Keahle: Anthony King; Chris and George; Sean Percival. SCREAMING BLUE MURDER, The

Leather Bottle, 277 Kingston Road, Merton, SW19, (01-542 7490). Doors 8pm; Shows: Fri 9pm, Sun 8.30pm; 24 Fri: Irish stand-up Owen O'Neill; Caroline Cooke; loud and lively Lee Evens; "cheeky" compere leff Green, winner of Cornedy Store Newcomers Award last mer Sum Skint Video (extended set): Eddie izzard (compere).

THE FUNNY FARM, Union Tavem, Camberwell New Road, SE5 (01-778 9412). Doors Born; Show 9pm; £3.50 (22.50 cones). Sun: Highly acclaimed visual comic Martin Soan; stand-ups: Caroline Cooke: Sean Lock: Seen Hughes; plus open spot.

OUTSIDE LONDON

BIRMINGHAM: BEAR TAVERN, High Street, Bearwood (Information: 0384 893366). Doors, 7.30pm; Show 8.20pm; 22. Stand-up comedy. Wed: Frank Skinner (compere); Lee Evans; Paul Brophy (with music); The Man with the

HARE & HOUNDS, High Street, Kings Heath (Information: 0384 893366), Doors 7.30pm; Show 8.30pm; £2. Stand-up comedy. Sat; XXXX Cabaret: Frank Sidmer (compere); Lee Evans; Paul Brophy and Eddie Izzard.

BRIGHTON: THE CROCODILE, The Concorde, opposite Palace Pier, Madeira Drive (Information: 0273 692960), Doors 9pm; Show 9.30pm. Late ber. £3.50 (£3 conca). Sat; John Hegley; veriety juggler Plerre Hollina; stand-up comedian Pat Condell; Simon Bligh (compers).

HAMPTON WICK: SCREAMING BLUE MURDER, Rose and Crown, 61 High Street, Hampton Wick, Surrey (01-547 3459). Doors Born, Show 8.30pm; £3.50 (E3 concs). Wed: Irish stand-up Seen Hughes (extended set); supporting act Mickey Hutton, aggressive, noisy Geordia: Mark Lamerr. LIVERPOOL: KOFF KLUB, Trader Jacks

Doors 8.30pm, Show 9pm; £3. Wed improvisation from American double-act Burns and Nurm; Eddie Izzard; Tim Clark Road West, corner of Nell Lans (061 257 3769). Doors 8.30; Show Sprn; 23 (E2

Berry Street, Liverpool (051 708 6777).

conce). Thurs: Mark Hurst (aka Mark Miwurdz); with musical support. PETERBOROUGH: THE GASLIGHT, Peterborough Sports & Leisure Centre, Lincoln Road (0733 314378), Doors Sprit; Show 8.30pm; 23.50 (22.50 concs). Son:

Music from Meianle Harrold and Ollie

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's selection of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country.

♦ BLACK RAIN (10): Michael Douglas pursuing s Japanese gangster. Flashy potboller from director Ridley Scott. Cannon Futhern Road (01-370

2636) Plaza (01-200 0200). BLAZE (15): Paul Newman as politician Earl Long, defiantly in love with a stripper. Colourful

Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527) Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644) Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905) Warner West End (01-439

BORN ON THE FOURTH OF JULY (18): Dynamic anti-Vietnam spic from Oliver Stone, with Tom Crulse excellent as paraplegic Ron Kovic. Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772) mon Fulham Road (01-370 2636) Empire (01-200 0200) Gate (01-727 4043) Minema (01-235 4225) Screen on the Green (01-226 3520) Whiteleys (01-792 3303).

◆ CASUALTIES OF WAR (18): Sean Penn commits Vietna strocities; Micheel J. Fox broods. Comparatively thoughtful war film from Brian De Paime. Cannon Oxford Street (01-630

DANCIN' THRU THE DARK (15): Willy Russell's thin but boisterous comedy-musical set in a Liverpoor dance hall.

Cannon Chateea (01-352 5096) Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631) Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6146) Screen on the HIR (01-435 3366) Warner West End (01-439 0791) Whitnleys (01-

DO THE RIGHT THING (18): Racial tension in Brooklyn; bracing militant entertainment from Spike Lee.

mpire (01-437 1234). DRIVING MISS DAISY (U): Jessica Tandy as the prickly Southern lady with a black chauffeur (Morgan Freeman). Accomplished, endearing.

Warner West End (01-439 0791). A DRY WHITE SEASON (15): Doneld Sutherland wakes up to apartheid's horrors. Powerful thriller from André Brink's novel.

Curzon West End (01-439 4805). FAMILY BUSINESS: Curate's 999 comedy-drama about a family of crooks (Seen Connery, Dustin Hoffman, Matthew Broderick). Odeon Leicester Square (01-930 6111). Notting Hill Coronet (01-727 6705). Ocieon Keneington (01-602

FELLOW TRAVELLER (15): Ron Silver as a tormented blacklist riction in 1950s England, Stylish.

6844). Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-

GLORY (15): Edward Zwick's Impassioned salute to the black Americans who fought in the Civil War; powerful performances. Cannon Chebses (01-352 5096). Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-536 8881). Whiteleys (01-792

Metro (01-437 0757).

HAMLET GOES BUSINESS (15): Caustic, updated Shakesp filmed in B-movie style by Finnish Jester Aki Kaurismāki. Everyman (01-435 1525)

HENRY V (PG): War-is-hell version from Kenneth Branagh; cinematically drab, varia Barbican (01-638 8891).

+ HONEY, I SHRUNK THE KIDS (U): Minuscule children battle through their garden to safety. Engaging special effects romp. Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644) Odeon West End (01-930 5252). Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905) Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011) Cannon Chelses (01-352 5096) Whiteleys (01-782 3303).

THE HOUSE OF BERNARDA ALBA (15): Lorca's play about a widow and her six daughters; fine acting, but tedious cinema. Premiere (01-439 4470).

♦ LAST EXIT TO BROOKLYN (181: Raw, skiltul version of Hubert Selby Jr's tales of Brooklyn's loveless. Cannon Tottenham Court Road

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(01-636 6148). LIFE AND NOTHING BUT (PG): The emotional aftermath of World War One, sensitively explored by director Bertrand Tavernier. Premiere (01-439 4470).

♦ LOCK UP (15): Factory-bets orison drama, with Sylva Stallone facing the wrath of warden Donald Sutherland. Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310).

MONKEY SHIKES (18): Ugly nonsense about a quadriplegic and Prince Charles (01-437 8181).

OLIVER AND COMPANY (U): Ofiver Twist revamped and animated. Awkward blend of old Disney values, modern trappi arner West End (01-439 0791). Whiteleys (01-792 3303).

A PARENTHOOD (12): Ron Howard's episodic heart-warmer about family life. Steve Martin heads s sterling cast. Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636) Cannon Oxford St (01-636 0310) Plaza (01-437 1234) Whiteleys (01-792 3303).

SEA OF LOVE (18): Cop (Al Pacino) and murder suspect (Ellen Barkin) fall in love. Atmospheric, raunchy thriller. Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772)

Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636) Cannon Oxford Street (01-536 0310) Plaza (01-200 0200) Whiteleys (01-792 3303).

SEX, LIES AND VIDEOTAPE. (10): Steven Soderbergh's deliciously poised study in human deception and sexual frustrations

Cannon Piccadilly (01-437 3561). SHIRLEY VALENTINE (15): Pauline Collins as the Liverpool housewite rediscovering romance. Warm-hearted film. Cannon Fulham Road (01-370

2636) Empire (01-240 7200) Whiteleys (01-792 3303). ♦ STEEL MAGNOLIAS (PG): Female gossip and tears Down South. Overly-sentimental, though some performers please (Julia Roberts, Olympia Dukakis). Odeon Haymarket (01-839 7697)

Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644) Cannon Cheisea (01-352 5098) Whiteleys (01-792 3303). TROP BELLE POUR TOI (18): Gérard Depardieu toys between his wite and mistress. Skilful satire on marital mores from Bertrand Blier. mden Plaza (01-485 2443)

Lumiere (01-836 0691) ◆ WHEN HARRY MET SALLY (15): Romantic comedy with a brittle touch. Meg Ryan, Billy Crystal. Cannon Piccadilly (01-437 3561)

WHEN I FALL IN LOVE (15): Synthetic life and losss of a football champ (Dennis Quald) and his ctutiful wife (Jessica Lange). Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 8861).

backwoods sega of feuding families and secret loves, with Kurt Russell and Kelly McGills.
Cannon Tottonhem Court Road (01-636 6148).

IN REPERTORY

Alice in the Cities - Wim Wenders' 1984 odyssey through a bleak European landscape.

Used Cars, lively apprentice work from Back to the Future director Robert Zemeckis; Alan Rudolph's Trouble in Mind; Dan Aykroyd and John Belushi as The Blues

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WORD-WATCHING Answers from page 22 MULLIGRUBS (a) The black dog gloom, also a stomach-ache, a gro-tesque arbitrary Scottish formation: "I have scarce stirred to take exercise for

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Source: Broadcasters' Audience Research Board

TELEVISION TOP 10

National top 10 programmes in the week ending: 25th February 1990

four or five days, no wonder I had the multigrubs." I had the multigrabs."
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(b) An Amerindian chief, from the Algonquian maggaouse, a great man, occurring in Eliot's Massachasetts Bible, for instance, at Generis xxxvi, 15, where it answers to the duke of the English Bible. Politicians have applied the word to one who sits on a fence, with his mag on one side and his wamp on the other.

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medieval Latin combiam change: "The bank in Ire-land is often little more than a glorified gombeen man."
GUMPLE-FOISTED (c) Having the mul sulky, from grasple-faced downcast countenance, "proper mardy" as they say in Derbyshire; Scott: "Ye are gample-foisted wi' me."

WINNING MOVE By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



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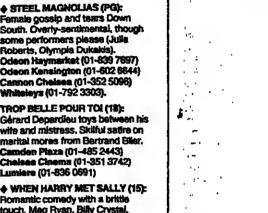
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 Writers of television shows must be running out of names. Stephen Crane, the hero (or anti-hero) of Chancer (TTV. 9.00pm), is also the American author of The Red Badge of Courage, while older viewers may recall a series called Crane with Patrick Allen. The graver charge is that the writers (various) of Chancer are also running out of ideas. But if the themes of this 13-parter—our old friends money, power and sex - are familiar. then that seems to be precisely the point.



On one: Clive Owen as self-made City slicker Stephen Crane (TTV, 9.00pm)

Chancer has been carefully designed to draw on the audience's sense of the familiar. Capital City crossed with Howard's Way with a touch of Andrea Newman. The enjoyment comes not in being surprised but in having expectations fulfilled. The reliable Benjamin Whitrow plays the owner of a sports car company, a nice guy but hopelessly unbusinesslike, who within minutes of the opening credits watches the factory go up in flames. He also has a cluster of personal problems, which will help to keep up the interest should the financial machinations begin to pall. The fire is the cue for the entry of young, dynamic, thrusting, self-made Crane (Clive Owen), a City slicker whose prescription for recovery is to sack the management and workforce, sell the site for a supermarket and start up somewhere else. This paragon of the Thatcherite enterprise culture is soon in conflict with the company patriarch, although he is not above ditching his girlfriend for the patriarch's younger daughter. Bedrooms feature as strongly as boardrooms as this first episode offers a Cook's tour of the dramatis personae. Leslie Phillips as a smoothie financier in the mould of Bergerac's Charlie Hungerford provides the show with welcome humour.

• If Chancer promises to be formula stuff, the appeal of Debbie Horsfield's (BBCI, 9.30pm) is that it shuns the clichés and presents its characters (mainly female) as individuals. Back for a second series, the boisterous sextet from the Lancashire electronics factory show no sign of outstaying their wel-come. Making Out follows the excellent practice of such other workplace dramas as Casualty and The Bill in juggling several stories in short, pithy scenes and working up a lively pace. It also has much to say, wittily and undidactically, about the lot of the working woman.

6.00 Ceefax
6.30 BBC Breakfast News with
Nicholas Witchell and Kirsty Wark.
Includes regular news headlines,
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regional news, weather and travel
information. Paul Callian reviews the

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morning newspapers 8.55 Regional news and weather News and weather followed by Open Air. Viewers comment on yesterday's television

9.20 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a discussion on a topical subject

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10.00 News and weather followed by
Going for Gold (r)

10.25 Children's BBC, introduced by
Simon Parkin, begins with Playdays,
presented by Dave Benson
Phillips and Sue Monroe 10.50
Henry's Cat (r) 10.55 Five to
Eleven, Douglas Hodge with a
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12.55 Regional news and

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1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton, Weather Neighbours. Jane cannot believe her good fortune; and Malcolm hands Des a heavy responsibility.

(Ceefax)
1.50 Going for Gold. Henry Kelly with another round of the European general knowledge quiz

general knowledge quiz

2.15 Film: The Amazing Dobermana
(1976) starring Fred Astaire, James
Franciscus and Barbera Eden. An
undercover agent calls on a reformed
criminal with five highly-trained
Dobermans to help him infiltrate an
extortion ring. Directed by Byron
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3.50 Bodger and Badger written by
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Nutkins, Nicola Davies and Chris
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5.00 Newsround 5.16 Grange Hill.
Episode 19 of the 20-part serial and
Mauler has a short-lived period of
being treated as a hero. includes a
special guest appearance by
Linford Christie. (Ceefax)

5.26 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax)

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter
Sissons and Anna Ford. Weather

8.30 Regional News Magazines

7.00 Holiday 90. Bill Buckley takes a
weekend break in Seville; Kathy
Tayler journeys through the
Rockies on the Canadian Pacific
Railway to Vancouver, and then
takes a cruise ship bound for Alaska
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7.30 EastEnders. Kathy decides to back down and listen to what Laurie's sister has to say; Pat arranges specialist help for Janine; and Julie finds herself having to make a choice between admirers. (Ceefax)

6.00 To the Manor Born. Another chance to see this cornedy classic with the recently-widowed Audrey florhes-Hamilton fighting to keep hold of Grantieigh Manor, when Richard de Vere arrives on the scone, Starring Penelope Keith and Peter Bowles (r). (Ceefax)

8.30 A Question of Sport. Team captains Ball Beaumont and lan Botham are joined by Stuart Pearce, Earnorn Mertin, Ginny Lang and John Parrott. David Coleman asks the questions. (Ceefax)

asks the questions, (Ceefax)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael

Briant Resident

9.30 Making Out. (Ceefax) (see Choice)
10.20 Move Over Darling: What Makes
a Woman? Pamela Stephenson
continues her investigation of the female sex by asking whether women are conditioned into a

female way of thinking 10.50 Cagney and Lacey: Matinée. Mary Beth and Chris go in search of a suburban housewife who is missing after a night on the town and uncover a group of bored women trying to put some excitement into their lives. Starring Sharon Gless

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s.25 The Pyramid Game, Game show
s.55 Thames News and weather
19,00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Mike
Scott chairs a studio discussion on a

topical subject

16.40 This Morning. Magazine series presented by Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan. Today's edition includes financial advice, fashion news, needlework ideas and David Bellamy discussing hedgerows and heathland. With national and international news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55 followed

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Santa Barbara. Sophia decides to reveal her true identity to Mason
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3.00 Wills, Lose or Draw. Coleen Nolan, Maureen Nolan, Paul Cole and Paul Ross are the celebrities drawing phrases and sayings for their team mates to identify 3.25 Thames News and weather 3.30 The Young Doctors. Australian drams about the staff and patients of the Albert Memoriel Hospital
4.00 Fraggle Rock 4.15 Bugs Burny (r) 4.20 T-Bag and the Pearls of Wiedom starring Georgina Hale
4.40 Count Duckufa (r)
5.16 Blockbusters. Bob Hotness asks the general knowledge questions in the out for tennoors.

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with details of the National Asthma

Campaign
7.00 Emmerciale. Christopher Tate learns the truth about his mother's death; and Nick Bates's first date with Elsa is not the romantic occasion he had anticipated. (Oracle)

7.30 Themes Reports includes news of the threatened closure of the Cassel Hospital on Ham Common 8.00 The Bill: Enemies, A number of racial attacks are reported to Sun Hill, leading to a visit from Supt Jarvey, the Community Liaison officer. Unfortunately, Jarvey does little to resolve the situation and his organized simple appropriate. his presence simply aggravates his colleagues at Sun Hill. (Oracle)

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8.30 After Henry: Charity. Comedy
series starring Prunella Scales, Joan
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10.00 News at Ten and weather 10.30
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10.35 First Tuesday: Firefighter. A
documentary following the fortunes
of 19-year-old Sarah Skelton as
she undergoes the South Yorkshire
fire brigade's rigorous training
course. Sarah left her office job to
become the first female recruit to course. Serah left her office job to become the first female recruit to join the South Yorkshire brigade, where she not only had to face the demands of a dangerous and difficult job but also the problems associated with being the only woman working with a team of men 11.35 Seconds Out. Tony Francis introduces coverage of the WBC International contest between middleweights Chris Eubank and Hugo Cort, from the York Hall, Bethnal Green. With commentary by

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12.30am Film: Terror in the Wax Museum (1973) Starring Ra John Carradine and Louis Haywood. In Victorian London, the owner of a waxworks museum is murdered. No motive is discovered until it is realized that the Directed by Georg Fenady
2.30 News headlines followed by

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3.30 Quiz Night. Inter pub and club
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threatened by a fanatical sect.
Directed by Borks Sagal
7.35 Bilko (b/w) starring Phill Silvers (r)
6.09 Open Space: We're Still Here.
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teenage turmoil that shook the
town 21 years ago
8.30 Food and Drink includes a report
on the high cost of drinks in tubs:

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on the high cost of drinks in pubs and restaurants

6.00 Quantum Leep: How the Tess
Was Won. Time traveller Sam finds himself back in Texas in 1956, as a mild-mannered vet with a rancher's wild-mannered daughter to bring to heel. Starring Scott Bakula

9.50 Almost Grown. The third of five programmes about British teenagers from the 1950s to today

18.30 Newsnight includes Charles Wheeler reporting on the growing demands in the Soviet Union for independence from Moscow

11.18 The Late Show Special. Arts and media magazine 11.55 Weather

12.00 Open University: The Present in the Past. Ends at 12.30mm

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 12.30 Business Daily presented by
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2.00 Home Town: Chatsworth. Roy Hudd tells the story of one of

England's greatest estates.
(Oracle)
2.30 The Senior Service. Information,
news and advice for older viewers.

(Oracle)

2.48 Black Forest Clinic (r)
3.40 The Oprah Wintrey Show visits the Hollywood homes of, among others, Zsa Zsa Gabor and Dudley Moore
4.30 Countdown. Today's challenger is Keith Gorst

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5.00 The Lone Ranger (b/w). Vintage
Western adventures starring Clayton
Moore and Jay Silverheels
5.30 4th Dimension presented by
Caron Keating and John Durant (r)
6.00 Gopheral American cornedy
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6.30 The Coeby Show (r)
7.00 Channel 4 News
7.50 Comment followed by Weather
6.00 Ordinary People. Tonight's
programme examines what it means
to be a feminist, through the
personal experiences and opinions of

personal experiences and opinions of 15 disparate women

3.30 Travelog includes a plea by Chris Serie for fair treatment of the British football fan abroad (Oracle)

6.00 Out on Tuesday. The weekly gay and lesbian magazine returns for s second series. Tonight, a look at homosexuals on the political right, and a chance to learn about the state of gay Conservatism after Section 28

10.00 Nightingales. Comedy starring

Section 28
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James Ellis as three indolent
night security guards
10.30 Rock Steedy includes Van
Morrison with Mose Alfison; and
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Hurter, Gordon Kennedy and Joh Sparkes (r) 12.15am Film: The True Glory (1945, b/w). Second World War documentary covering European events from D-Day to the fall of Berlin. Directed by Carol Reed and Gerson Kanin. Ends at 1.00

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Another outing for the Carry On team
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
6.00 Back to School (1986): Rodney
Dangerfield as a militionaire, who joins his
son at school to catch up on the
education he missed
10.00 And God Created Woman (1987):
Rebecca DeMornay, at a prisoner in a New
Mexico jall, is offered her freedom on
certain conditions Mexico Jail, is unorse for including the conditions of 11.45 The Devits (1970); Oliver Reed in a tale of witchcraft in France, 1634
1.30am Saigon (1988); Willem Defoe and Gregory Hines investigate the murders of prostitutes in Saigon, during the

Vietnam War

4.00 No Way Out (1987): Kevin Costneras a naval officer who shares a lover (Sean
Young) with the US Secretary of State for
Defence (Gene Hackman). Ends at 8.60cm

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RADIO 3

6.35am Open University (FM only)
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7.00 Morning Concert: Poulenc (Bégie: Seta Tanyel and Jeremy Brown, pianos);
Bigar (Blegy for strings: Orpheus Chamber Orchestra); Rachmaninov (Trio Bégiaque No 1 in Giminor: Beaux Arts Trio)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Burgon (At the Round

Morning Concert (contr. Burgon (At the Pound Earth's Imagin'd Corners: Soloists): Purcell (Sonata in D for trumpet and strings: Philharmonia under Warren Green, with John Wallace, trumpet): Strauss (Duet Concerting: Los Angeles Chember Orchestra under Chamber Orchestra unde Gerard Schwarz, with David Shifrin, clarinet and Kenneth Munday, bassoon); Schumann (introduction and

Schumann (introduction an Allegro appessionato: Vienne PO under Von Dohnányi, with Andras Schiff, piano): Strauss (Andante, Op postit: Hermann Baumann, horn, Leonard Hokenson, piano) (c) 8.30 News 8.35 Composers of the Week: Scandinavian Sesson. Nielsen — Premier Nielser Nielsen — Premier Nielsen
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Concerto, Op 57, 1947
(Royal Danish Orchestra
under John Francisen, with
Louis Cahuzac, clarinet)
t Towards Rach: Bach

9.38 Towards Bach: Bach admired the music of Johann Adam Reincken and ogram Aban Penkus and arranged part of his Horius musicus for keyboard.
L'Ecole D'Orphée performs two of the trio sonates —
Suites: No 1 in A minor; No

3 in C) 10.06 Les Surprises de L'amour: Les Musiciens du Louvre under Marc Minkowski perform dances from Rameau's Divertissement 10.35 Vanessa Latarche; The plantst plays Scartati plantst plays Scartati (Sonatas: in F minor, Kk 481; in G, Kk 125); Franck (Prelude, Chorale and

Fugue) (r) 11.06 BBC Weish Symphony Orchestra under Yadai Orchestra under Tadaaki Otaka, with Borls Belkin, violin, Amanda Roocroft, soprano, performs Tchalkovsky (Molin Concerto in D, Op 35); Mahler (Symphony No 4 in G), incl 11,40 interval

1.06 St David's Heil Lunchtime Recital: Live from Cardiff. London Winds perform Matyas Selber (Sertenade) Recthower (Sexten & Fitz thoven (Sextet in E flat Op 71): Mozart (Serenade in Op /1); Mozant (serenade in E fat, k 375) 2.05 Dame Myra Hess: The second of four programmes. CBSO under Basil Cameron performs Schubert (Sonata in A, D 664); Brahms zzo No 3 in C. Oo

(Intermezzo No 3 in 0, 0) 119); Franck (Symphonic Variations). NBC SO under Toscenini performs Schumann (Etudes symphoniques); Chopin (Nocturne No 2 in F sharp minor, Op 15); Beethov (Piano Concerto No 3) (Piano Concerto No 3)
4.00 Langham Chamber
Orchestra under
Christopher Adey, with
Christopher Burding, cello,
performs Poulenc (Deux
Marches et un intermède;
Mouvements perpétuels);
Françaix (Sérènade);
Christopher Burding (Cello
Concerto) (r)
4.48 Mediter and the Violin: in
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the second of four programmes, Manoug Parkian, violin, Hamish Milne, pieno, perform Sonata No 2 in G (first UK broadcast) 5.30 Mainly for Pleasure with Richard Baker 7.05 Third Ear: Mark Lawson

talks with A.S. Byatt about her work, including her Intest novel, Possession 7.30 Nash Ensemble under John Carewe, with Sarah Walker, mezzo, performs Nicholas Maw (Roman Camticle — first performance); Mozart (Horn Quimet in E flat, K 407); Respubli (II tramonto); Ponchielli (Quimet); Berto (Folk Songs), incl 8.15 interval Reading. The second of three 25th-anniversary concerts recorded in the Wigmore Hall. London Carewe, with Sarah W

all, London 9.05 Vaughan Williams: London Philharmonic Choir and Orchestra under Bernard Haitink, with Shella Armstrong, soprano, performs Sintonia Antartica Drama Now: Scandinavian Season. One Summer Night in Sweden, by Erland Josephson, translated by

Josephson, translated by Robin Fulton (see Choles)
11.00 Composers of the Week:
Scandinavian Season, Gade and Svendsen. Svendsen (Zorahayda, Op 11; Camival in Paris, Op 9); Gade (Symphony No 3 in A minor, Op 15) (r)
12.00 News 12.00 News

RADIO 4

LW (s) Stereo on FM 8.55am Shipping Forecast 8.00 News Briefing; Weather 8.10 Farming Today 8.25 Prayer for the Day 8.30 Today, Incl 8.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 8.55, 7.55 Weather 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament

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4411. This week'a subject
for discussion is student
loans, with Maeve Sherlock,
president of the National
Union of Students
10.00 News; Medicine Now
10.30 Morning Story: The Winters
and the Palmieys, by
Thomas Hardy, abridged by
Brian Gear. Read by Val
Lorraine
10.45 Delly Service
11.00 News; Citizens

11.25 From Our Own Correspondent
11.50 English Now: David Crystal
on the English language
today. This week he
discovers what shipping reports, greetings-card verses and coats of arms have in common

12.00 News; You and Yours: John
Waite reports on the impact
of politax on those caring
for disabled relatives in the

12.25pme Blandings: Heavy
Weather, by P.G.
Wodehouse, adapted in four
episodes by Richard
Usborne, Part 1: The Wrath
of Lord Tibury (s) 12.55
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Weather 1.00 The World at One 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour:
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barrants examining the
comical charm of this tropical fruit; an interview with Sarida Akhter, owner of the first terminist bookshop in Bangladash; an interview with Helen Axby, director of the Mane Stopes Clinic, who has just returned from

No res just reamed from
Romenes, and a discussion
on literacy in schools
3.00 News; Thirty Minute
Theatre: And the Band
Played On, Part 2: Wipeout,
by Susan Boyd (s)
3.32 Richard Baker Compares
Those with Brigon I was and Notes with Brian Large and Geoffrey Parker on the expertise involved in music broadcasting (s) 4.00 News

4.05 In Business (new series)
with Carol Leonard
4.30 Kalektoscope: Presented by
Natalle Wheen. Peter Kemp
reviews Peter Jukes's book A Shout in the Street, John Deathridge on Elektra at the Royal Opera House; and Linda Russell meets Mr

Golub, a showbiz lawyer from New York (s) (r) 8.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 2.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial

8.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial
Report
6.30 Smiley's People: Seven-part
dramatization of John Le
Carré's novel. With Bermard
Hepton as George Smiley,
John Bernnett as Mendel
and Rosemary Leach as
Connile Sachs (4)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4: Helen Boaden
with major Issues at home
and abroad
8.00 Science Now with Peter
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Evans
6.30 Tailong on the Cross (new series): Stx talks for Lent in which people who would not describe themselves as Christians milest on their Christians reflect on their tives in the context of the Easter story. Part 1: Turnin Towards the Cross, Dr

Pauline Cutting on her decision to work in troublespots such as Beirut 8.45 in Touch: This week, the magazine for the blind and partially sighted examines audio description, a method of making films more accessible to blind cinema

accessible to dand cinema goers

8.15 Kaleidoscope: Hugh Brody reviews Ian Frazier's book The Great Plains; and a report on Sondheim's Sunday in the Park with George at the National Theatre, London (s)

9.45 The Eventual World Toxich's 9,45 The Financial World Tonight 9.59 Weather

9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: News from Nowhere, by William Morris (2 of 5) (s)
11.00 The Radio Programme(s)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shapping Forecast FM as LW except 11.00am-12.00 For Schools 1.55pm Listening Corner (s) 2.05-3.00 For Schools 8.50-8.51 PM (cont) 11.30-12.10am Open University 11.30 Arts Review 90 11.50 18th Century Poverty and Crime 12.30-1.10 Night School

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(RADIO CHOICE)

Peter Davalle

 Inaccessible because of the language barrier, and autocratie because of his artistic absolutism, the Soviet film director who drives his actors and unit to the edge of desperation in One Summer Night in Sweden (Radio 3, 9.50pm) remains nameless.



Nameless: film director Andrei Tarkovsky (Radio 3, 9.50pm) But clearly, the film-maker is Andrei Tarkovsky, and the

film that has ground to a temporary halt is what was to be his last, The Sacrifice, shot in Sweden during the final phase of his self-imposed exile. Robin Fulton's English version of Erland Josephson's original Swedish text - a Prix Italia winner - makes brilliantly clear the play's regret (and, incidentally, Tarkovsky's own declared belief) that the signals we send out to each other have to be confirmed by words. But there is an important documentary element in the play too, accounted for by the fact that Josephson (played tonight by Ian Hogg) was one of the principals in The Sacrifice. Unable, like his fellow actors, to make contact with Tarkovsky except tbrough an interpreter, Josephson falls back on the alternative of dreams, and it is in these imagined exchanges

between director and film actor that One Summer Night in Sweden achieves its intel-

lectual apotheosis.

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Five people were arrested by police yesterday when antipoli tax demonstrators dressed as Robin Hood and his Merry Men disrupted a meeting of Nottingham City Council and hurled foamfilled pies at councillors.

The Labour council was meeting to fix a poll tax rate of £390 when the protesters forced a side door and invaded the council chamber, blowing whistles and hooters and throwing official papers into the air. The sitting was suspended as police ejected the demonstrators.

Many of the 55 councillors at the meeting ducked as plates full of shaving foam were thrown in the council chamber by an estimated 15 demonstrators, including a man dressed as Maid Marion, who urged the council to resign rather than fix a poll tax rate. One Conservative councillor, Mrs Barbara Ricks, was hit full in the face by the foam.

Police patrolled the corridors outside the council chamber after five people were arrested and the remainder were removed. There had already been heckling from the packed public gallery as

the meeting began.

Councillor Betty Higgins, leader of the Labour group, said: "People have a right to make their feelings known in all sorts of ways but they must

Landowners pay

realize that we are legally obliged to go ahead with this meeting and set a community charge." Mr Bill Bradbury, Conservative leader, said: 'I felt like thumping one of

● A woman on horseback thrust a makeshift spear through a 20st effigy of Mrs Thatcher outside Truro Cathedral, Cornwall, during a protest against the poll tax. The effigy was set on fire and demonstrators surrounded

police as a man was arrested. When he was taken to a Truro police station dozens of protesters followed. He was transferred to Camborne.

 A demonstrator climbed 80ft on to the Bristol City Council roof and daubed a 30ft message to city councillors who today are due to set one of the highest poll tax charges outside London -about £504. The long slogan read: "Watt Tyler - wish you were here, yours Kilroy".

The first telephone poll to set a Merseyside council budget has shown overwhelming backing for the Conservatives' lower community charge, No party has a majority on Wirral Borough Council and the two main parties, the Tories and Liberal Democrats, agreed to

abide by a ratepayers' phone-in to decide the budget. By 8,080 to 4,467, the voters rejected the Liberal Democrat's proposed £360 commu nity charge and backed Tory proposals for a £339 poll tax. to be achieved by £6 million cuts through job losses and reductions in services.



Demonstrators dressed as Robin Hood's men invading Nottingham council chamber, custard pies flying, as (below right) the sheriff's man moves in.



WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct? By Philip Howard

MULLIGRUBS Shallow excavation Cheese mites

MUGWUMP

c. An idiot

a. A deformed camel b. A chief

GOMBEEN MAN

b. A moneylender c. A voodoo priest

a. Him what just left

GUMPEL-FOISTED

a. Mutton dressed as lamb b. Got the better of

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Roundabout route to the big question

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with Parliamentary journalsists; most would think it wise

Then Jeremy Corbon the man who put the "belly" into "bellicose".

The sketchwriter for the Daily Telegraph had included in a humorous "Diary" in the to go straight to the front of taken this as blackmail rather than a joke, and complained to Mr Speaker, who had taken it as a joke and turned the of State, Nicholas Scott. "So

"Mr Speaker, sir" bellowed Labour's Frank Haynes (Ash-Labour's Frank Haynes (Ashfield) "There's an all-party ning of the financial year, or we can't help." Mr Scott does not speak as might a man who had often stared famine in the some of that weight off!"

"On that very point, Mr Ministerial car going by, empty. The Secretary of State for Wales ..." The rest was drowned in an uproar which was a mixture of reprimand (Mr Speaker), fury (Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman), and mirth (everyone else).

"Can I raise a serious and cenuine point of order?" asked Anthony Beaumont-Dark (C, Selly Oak). We don't know, Tony. Why not try, some

"I hate to bore you, Sir" he continued. As Nanki Poo the Executioner said in The Mikado "I hate it but I do it."

"Points of order" was a Secretary of State for Wales. relief, after Social Security. There had been a moment of Matthew Parris

Yesterday, the Welsh Sec-drama as Edwina Currie in retary had just announced his stunning cobalt with a white intention to resign. Questions, silk blouse and pearls, faced Labour's spokesman Clare of State for Social Security. Short in a sizzling scarlet Even Dennis Skinner took trouser-suit with red shoes

"Is it sensible" asked the getting round this. He hit on a "Is it sensible" asked the a ruse while Richard Holt (C. lady in blue "to use (increases Langbaurgh) was complaining in child-benefit) for all fam-

The lady in red snorted: There is something ad- "The Government is deprivmirable about the way Mr ing every child of £1.35p per Holt pursues grievances quite week". Both subsided, breathcareless of his own advantage. ing heavily. Which of us does Many MPs would think it not cherish a secret desire to prudent to keep on good terms see Edwina Currie and Clare

Then Jeremy Corbyn (Lab. to stay friends with Mr Islington N) rose, to berate Speaker. Yesterday Mr Holt ministers for meanness over ministers for meanness over took a swipe at both. Heavy-weight and aggressive, Holt is the "social fund" (which re-weight and aggressive, Holt is places "special needs" payplaces "special needs" payments to the very poor).

Mr Corbyn finds himself, along with Albania, Cuba, Guinea-Bissau and North Ko-House Magazine, the remark that though MPs are entitled sought-after example of the unreconstructed Left, His the taxi-queue, not all do: and a journalist friend was keeping notes on who did. Holt had manner of early Socialist Realism. He never smiles. Now he faced the Minister

complaint gently aside.

"You may not be worried" have regard to their budget in coming to decisions" came scott's comfortable tones. Translated, this meano "please starve near the begin face. His is a composure which one longs to test. In place of Speaker" called Dennis Skin-ner "If Mr Holt waits a little longer for a taxi, he'll find an Ministerial car going by. the trousers display - to see whether there is anything that can bring pain to Scott's face, or pleasure to Corbyn's.

As I write, the arch-wet Hugh Dykes (C, Harrow E) is calling for a new challenge to Mrs Thatcher. Funny. At 2.45 he was in the Chamber and, seated beside him, the earnest figure of Mrs Thatcher's PPS, Mark Lennox-Boyd. They were in animated discussion,

at the end of which Dykes shook his head in dissent and Lennox-Boyd walked out. They must have been asking Dykes if he wanted to be

Flood families to sue

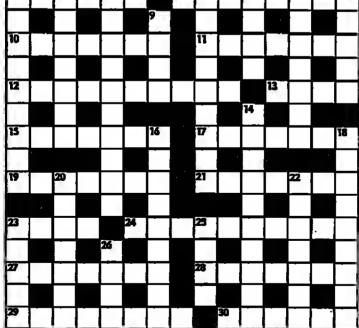
County Council and Colwyn Bay Borough Council (Ronald Faux writes).

About 2,000 people were made homeless by the floods.

Solicitors acting for 200 fam- Many will not be able to ilies who suffered in the return to their homes for flooding disaster in Towyn, many weeks and it is feared north Wales, have issued a that that some have been so High Court writ for damages severely damaged by the on-against British Rail, Clwyd slaught of high tides that they

> British Rail, which owns the 100-year-old sea wall, had no comment yesterday. Mopping up, page 6 4

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,234



ACROSS

- 1 Girl holding the right spanner 4 To reach a high ball, you must hurry (4.2.2).
- 10 A way in a betting system to win as much as you want (2,5). 11 Most tough threads can be dis-entangled (7).

12 Bargain lots (1,5,4). 13 Weed that agriculturists rarely eradicate, taking just the heads

- 15 One window shelf is back to front - it's wrong (7). 17 Citadel demolished, in a manner of speaking (7).
- 19 President one of the greens (7). 21 Lifted and deposited outside church (7),
- 23 School about to make money

Solution to Puzzle No 18,233

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24 Eagle, perhaps, by pro fired with resolution (4,2,4), 27 Show biz role adapted for Hector (7).

28 Incident is included in a poem 29 Accepts oxen - about 51 (8). 30 Make a mistake in rising panic

Anne Hathaway lived so enthu-siastically (4,1,4).

2 Tenth rally has restricted entrance (7). 3 Found an uninteresting task left

unfinished in dock (4,6). 5 Abroad, one man with a way of being offensive (7-2). 6 Drink what's left of rum in tan-

7 Ruu and shortly start holding 13 8 Heading for the championship

Chief pilot (4). Lively person shows anger after dance gets cancelled (4,2,4).

16 Can a girl afford a car? (3,6). 18 Debt ready for settlement by 20 Old city is in old colony - it's to

be expected (7). 22 Provide accommodation for 6

23 Rich man put up an amount of money once (5). 25 Actor against leaving 6 (4).

26 When talking, hurried and fell Concise Crossword, page 20

WEATHER cloudy day with rain in many parts. In sheltered eastern areas, the rain will be lighter with a chance of some brightness. Northern Ireland, north-west England, Wales and south-west England will remain overcast, with some light rain. The rest of England and Wales will be dry and cloudy, but with a greater chance of some sun. Outlook: cloud, with rain, in the north, spreading south.

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NOON TODAY

Brita clash

Executive Editor David Brewerton

SPORT 40-44

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Exchange index 87.7 (-1.0)

STOCK MARKET

1755.6 (-18.6) FT-SE 100 2230.5 (-24.3)

148.27 (-0.65) Market report, page 26

ICI plans buy-back

is seeking shareholder approval to buy back up to 10 per cent of its shares.

1CI will put the proposal at the annual meeting scheduled for May 1. Prices paid for ICI stock will not exceed 105 per cent of the average official middle market price for 10 days before purchase.

Ransomes up

Pre-tax profits at Ransomes the lawn mower manufacmillion in 1989. The final dividend is up 0.45p to 4.2p, leaving the total 12 per cent higher at 6.15p.
Tempus, page 24

Sweet payout

Thorntons, the chocolate retailer, increased its interim dividend 34.1 per cent to 1.1p. Pre-tax profits for the 28 weeks to January 6 were 4.6. per cent up at £7.2 million on the 32-week period last year. Tempus, page 24

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TOURIST RATES



Banks step in as dollar rises

By Rodney Lord and Colin Narbrough

The pound yesterday cent, at least for the time experienced its biggest being, fall in a single day's. The fall in the pound occurred experience the beginning the beginni trading since the resigna-tion of the former Chan-

cellor Mr Nigel Lawson.

By the close of trading in London it had fallen a full point on the Bank of England's effective rate index to

Against the dollar it fell 1.6 cents to \$1.6390 and against the mark it was down 4.39 piennigs at DM2.7922. For the first time in several weeks the Bank of England intervened to support sterling.

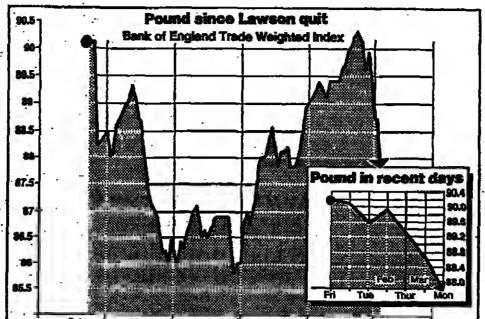
The fall puts additional pressure on the Chancellor, Mr John Major, to deliver a prudent Budget a fortnight today the pound has fallen by 2.8 per cent, sharply reversing the gradual rise since the start of the year, and adding poten-tially to inflationary pressures.

Interest rates in the money markets rose by 1/2 percentage point leaving the bellwether 3month interbank rate at 15% per cent. But the City is not

The fall in the pound occof determined intervention by central banks in Europe against a rising dollar. Taking up where it left off on Friday the Bundesbank entered the market repeatedly during the morning selling dollars. It was joined in a concerted action by the central banks of France, Italy, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Austria, Denmark, Spain and the Bank of Eng-

After falling below DM1.70 to about DM1.6965 at about midday the dollar recovered some of its losses as intervention ebbed to close about a plemig down on its previous close at DM1.7045. Against the yen it fell 0.33 yen to Y149.55.

Co-operation and Develop- kets against dollar volatility ment which deals with balance after the Japan-US currency expecting base rates to rise of payments issues. They are accord reached in California above their present 15 per expected to discuss currency over the weekend between



Senior monetary officials developments informally.

A senior official of the Bank of Japan said Japan's central bank was ready to take de-Organization for Economic

President Bush and Mr Toshiki Kaifu, the Prime Minister. This re-affirmed cooperation within the context of the Group of Seven industrialized nations.

Political pressures, including discontent about the poll Mr Simon Briscoe of Mid-tax and the adverse showing in land Montagn said: "It's

the opinion polls, contributed to sterling's weakness. There was also disappointment with last week's trade figures for January and fears that inflation will rise to 9 per cent before it starts to fall.

Mr Simon Briscoe of Mid-

interest rates unless sterling falls to a figure below 85, but probably above 80." Currency markets were also

upset by the latest figure for consumer credit in Britain. Shoppers have taken out their plastic again despite the high cost of credit, boosting borrowing on bank credit cards by a record £369 million in January, Central Statistical Office figures show.

Even after allowance is made for £130 million of credit card business carried over from December, the rise is the highest ever. A £535 million increase in the total amount outstanding on consumer credit deals was also a record, but only second high-est, if the delayed December business is stripped out.

The seasonally-adjusted CSO data showed consumer credit demand considerably stronger than City economist had anticipated and raised fresh doubts about the effectiveness of Government policy curbing the consumer.

The figures showed new credit advanced in January by finance houses, building societies, excluding mortgage

mainly political wornes. We business, and on bank credit don't think they will put up cards, climbing to £3.95 bilcards, climbing to £3.95 billion from £3.38 billion in

The data, which provide only a partial picture of consumer borrowing, included credit card business held over from December because of an influenza outbreak which

caused administrative delays. Despite this distortion. some economists were clearly worried by the figures. Mr Neil MacKinnon, chief economist at Yamaichi International, called the figures "disappointing," and saw them as a further signal to the Chancellor to keep policy

tight in the Budget. Mr Richard Jeffrey, senior economist at Hoare Govett, the broker, said the figures while "very uncomfortable"

taken in isolation. The record increase in the total amount of credit outstanding in January came after a £39 million decline in December and compared with a £344 million rise in January last year. The rise in credit card lending came after a £172 million fall in December.

Leading article, page 15 Markets, page 26

Britain and France clash on Japanese car export barriers

was deadlocked yesterday on the issue of removing restrictions on Japanese car exports, after angry clashes between Britain and France.

At the EC Commission in Brussels, the French, one of the four bardline EC countries wanting to keep tight restric-tions after 1992, accused Ja-European car industry, and promised tough opposition to proposals - backed by Britain, West Germany and the European Commission - for a speedy end to export restrictions throughout the EC.

minister for European affairs, said "transplants" made in factories in Europe should still of the 3 per cent quota of trade ministers discussed the near-15 per cent market share.

allowed into France.

that Japanese cars made in Britain were British, and the tions by other EC member states would be very serious. Mme Cresson said Japan's

pan of trying to implement a and the US, so that produc-masterplan to undermine the tion could be switched there whenever possible to destroy the American and European car mamufacturers.

Trade Secretary, threatened to go to court if France insisted. on blocking the import of Japanese cars made in Britain. Mime Edith Cresson, French count as Japanese and be part

The European Community Japanese cars currently issue last month, but failed to Mr Ridley argued fiercely

> strategy was clear: to set up factories throughout the EC Sweden's Saab-Scania.

The commission will begin external trade commissioner, Japanese products. discuss the Brussels proposals for a gradual lifting of restrictions, beginning next year, and the need for some continued

restraints after 1992.

gree. The positions yesterday looked more entrenched than

ing over possible links between France's Peugeot and Italy's Frat. It follows the cross-shareholdings deal between France's Renault and Sweden's Volvo and the halftaken in the car division of

These deals, and the take-over of Jaguar by Ford, have left Pengeot and Fiat as the exploratory talks with Japan. makers likely to be the most Mr Frans Andriessen, the savaged by a mounting tide of

nese are restricted to about 3 per cent of the French market and only 1 per cent of the Italian. They have about 11 per estraints after 1992. cent of the western European Lifting import quotas on market as a whole. In West cars is proving to be one of the Germany, where restrictions most intractable issues of the have been removed, the Japawhole 1992 programme. EC nese makers have so far built a

Persimmon points up strong start



Persimmon, the York-based housebuilder, yesterday when he revealed a "pleasantly surprising" start to 1990 as the company unveiled pre-tax profits for the year to December of £32.6 million, up

Mr Dencan Davidson, the chairman of 10 per cent. In the first two mouths of this year, Persimmon has sold 450 houses, Mr Davidson disclosed (Matthew Bond writes). Last year, the average selling price of the 1,796 houses that Persiannon sold was £71,881, an increase of 23 per

turnover by 8 per cent to £129 million, although the number of houses sold drouped by 10 per cent. A final dividend of 4.5p (3.5p) takes the total to 6.5p

Indosuez confirms deal talks

By Our City Staff

arm of Compagnie Financière de Suez, confirmed yesterday that it was in talks to buy Gartmore Investment Management from British and Commonwealth Holdines. It is understood the deal,

believed to be worth about £140 million, will be announced tomorrow afternoon, conditional on Bank of England approval, and that the group will be headed by M Jean-Jacques Picard, the general manager of the UK branch of Banque Indosuez.

Indosuez, which failed to win control of Morgan Gren-

fell Group last year, needed an asset management team with experience in the London Indosuez built a 15 per cent stake in Morgan Grenfell last

year with the aim of raising this to gain control, but in November, Deutsche Bank agreed a merger with the British merchant bank.

Americans fight EC's bank plan

approval at the European Commission's plans to raise minimum capital adequacy requirements, warning that these could drive business from the City to non-European Community countries.

A letter to the office of Sir Leon Brittan, the EC's competition commissioner, in Brussels is the latest protest against the fourth revision of the Commission's draft capital adequacy directive, which is already opposed by The Securities Association and the Bank of England.

In the letter, the chief executives of Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley, Salomon Brothers and Shearson Lehman Hutton, ahead of a meeting with officials from Sir bank would need to set up leon's office on Thursday, say: "The proposed approach, which in some areas will result to the contract of t

houses based in London have ments unrelated to the inherjoined the chorus of dis- entrisks, could drive principal trading and consequently liquidity to non-EC locations."

In particular, the business is likely to end up in Zurich or offshore, the Americans believe. They hope for a more favourable response from the

Notably absent from the list is Goldman Sachs, the other large US institution with a base in London. No one from the company was available for comment last night, but it is thought that it was unwilling to put its name to what could be construed as a purely

Commission in the fifth draft

S&P rating move hits **NatWest**

By Angela Mackay

National Westminster's share National Westminster's state price was knocked lower yes-terday after Standard & Poor's, the US ratings agency, lowered the bank's rating on subordinated debt from AAA to AA+.

However, the bank's AAA senior long-term debt rating and its AAA rating for junior subordinated perpetual stock were confirmed.

NatWest shares ended 5p down at 347p . S&P said the downgrading of NatWest's subordinated

debt affected about \$2 billion "Loan capital has risen compared to the bank's equity base, in line with the growing trend among international banks to use increased amounts of loan capital, both dated and undated," S&P

pointed out. Barclays Bank has had its subordinated debt rated AA+

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ABF seeks more details about 'disastrous' property moves

Berisford under fire over US ventures

By Our City Staff

ABF, formerly Associated British Foods, is to press Berisford International for more details about a series of "disas-

trous" New York property ventures. ABF, which owns 23 per cent of the Berisford equity, was not satisfied by answers given at yesterday's Berisford annual meeting. Through Herbert Smith, its solicitor, ABF is seeking further written clarification and is to ask Mr John Sciater, of Foreign and Colonial Investment Trust, Berisford's British non-executive director, for assurances

that he is satisfied with the situation. Due to financial difficulties facing some of its New York partners, Berisford took control of properties, paid \$8.65 million to former partners and assumed \$34.2 million of their liabilities. The

group made a £55.5 million provision in its 1989 accounts arising from the New York property problems.

Mr Richard Fleck, of Herbert Smith, also speaking as a Berisford shareholder, asked Mr Ephraim Margulies, the chairman, whether any members of the board or their families had any business relationships with the partners in the New York property business. Mr Margulies said he had none but he could not answer for the rest of the board.

Berisford also came under fire for awarding Mr Howard Zuckerman, chief executive of Berisford Incorporated, an annual contract thought to be worth more than \$1 million, in a year when the group lost £24.6 million. Mr Harry Bailey, ABF finance direc-tor, strongly attacked the board on the

terms of the contract given to Mr Zuckerman Mr Bailey, who said after the meeting that he thinks Mr Zuckerman's contract is worth well over \$1 million, wanted to know why 668,457 share options were granted to Mr Zuckerman in a year in which he had produced such "disastrous results."

Mr Fleck also asked the board to justify "such favourable contract and pension arrangements agreed in December 1988." These include an entitlement to an index-linked pension of 100 per cent of Mr Zuckerman's highest salary in the previous five years.

Mr Peter Jacob, Berisford chief executive, said the contract was legally binding under US law, but Berisford will do its best to get it changed.

Berisford shares lost 4p to 113p.

accounts to offset the airport's development costs and trading

According to Mr William Charnock, the airport managing director, 36,745 passengers used the airport in January and February of this year compared to 24,656.

Ernest Green Serco slips climbs 16%

Pre-tax profits at Ernest Serco Group, the facilities Green and Partners Hold- and project management company, reported £3.61 ings, the USM structural and civil engineering con-sultancy, climbed 16 per cent million pre-tax profits in the year to end-December, ag-ainst £3.71 million, on turnto £1.52 million in the six over ahead 24 per cent to £58.6 million. Eps slip from months to end-December, on turnover up 18 per cent to 26.87 million. Earnings per share rose 13 per cent to 12.3p. The interim dividend

27p to 25.6p. The final dividend is 6.5p, making 9.5p, compared with 5p for the previous eight-month period. rose 22 per cent to 2.75p. Cabra acquires Rohan

Rohan Group, the Dublin-based development and construction company, has been sold by Mountleigh, the property company being restructured by the American businessmen Mr Nelson Pettz and Mr Peter May.

Rohan has been bought for £40 million by Cabra Estates, whose chief executive is Mr John Duggan. Mr Duggan sold Rohan to Mountleigh two years ago as part of Phoenix Properties and Finance, which Mountleigh bought for £61 million. Cabra is also acquiring a 44 per cent stake in the Texas residential developer Hallmark.

Cresta runs Coffee back up to £6.66m on agenda

Pre-tax profits at Cresta The executive committee of Holdings, the Isle of Man the International Coffee Ormini-conglomerate restrocturing to concentrate on nursing homes, more than doubled from £3.31 million to £6.66 million in the year to despite double the shares in years. Bad weather in Brazil issue. The final is 1.2p (1p), has helped fuel a price making 1.8p, up 20 per cent. recovery to more than £700.

ganization meets in London today and tomorrow to review the situation. The end to quotas halved prices, send-ing coffee as low as £555 per end-December. Earnings toune early last month - climb from 12p to 12.2p, their lowest for more than 14

Ownership action

A company controlled by Mr David Rowland, the property entrepreneur with a 48.5 per cent interest in Inoco, has been taken to court by the New Zealand Securities Commission. Inoco owns 37 per cent of the US-listed Gulf Resources and Chemicals, which is poised to become the biggest shareholder of City Realties, the New Zealand property company. But the deal risks being thrown into disarray by a high court hearing on Monday, of an action by the NZSC over the ownership of Zelas Enterprises, City Realties' majority shareholder. Zelas is capitalized at only NZ\$100 (£35), yet it bought its 70.42 per cent stake for NZ\$56 million last year.

Passenger traffic rises 50% at City Airport John Mowlem, the contractor, has amnounced that the southern slump in house buymonths of business passengers using its City Airport in London's Dockhands in Jamzury and February was 50 per thigher than a year ago, Last month Mowlem amnounced that it was making a £33 million provision in the mannounced that the ma

the impressive results from the York-based housebuilder

price per house 23 per cent higher than a year ago, pre-tax profits rose 10 per cent to E32.6 million in the year to ably below 30 per cent, the December. Margins, too, were increased, up from 24.8 per cent in 1988 to 25.2 per cent in 1989. With a 4.5p final dividend, the company's total distribution to shareholders

rose 30 per cent. The Persimmon results are the clearest sign yet that the housing market in the North of England is a very different animal from its counterpart in

the South. In the North, where prices have never required buyers to club together, the ending of joint mortgage relief came and went unnoticed. Since then, the market motored comfortably on, driven by the economic recovery in the region. Mr Duncan Davidson, Persimmon chairman, would claim to be a national

homes sold by the company last year, more than 1,200 were sold north of Birming-The future appears to have the same bias - with 7,200 of the company's 9,730 sites

housebuilder, but the fact

remains that of the 1,796

market waits for prices to fall to a level that bears at least some sort of realistic relation Driven by an average selling to earnings, prices in the North are, at worst, likely to track

company is well placed to shift the emphasis at the right time. Pre-tax profits of about £30 million have been faintly pencilled in for 1990. With earn-

ings per share of 25.2p, that puts the shares on a prospec-tive p/e of 6. A must for the recovery portfolio.

Inorntons

Why can one retailer make a success of selling boxes of chocolates at £5 a throw when another has difficulty selling boxes of tights at £1.50? If both companies have similarsized shops in similar locations and both products' sales are equally badly affected by a hot summer, the answer would seem to be differences in management and policy.

While Sock Shop over-expanded, increased its debt and moved into North America, Thorntons, under the chairmanship of Mr John Thornton, grandson of the founder. has used franchisees, has gearing of only 8 per cent and



John Thornton: delivering the goodies at Thorntons

hands of administrators, Thorntons is still growing, although beginning to feel the pinch affecting all retailers.

Pre-tax profits for the 28

18 per cent. Earnings per share rose 4.6 per cent to 7.25p and

So, while Sock Shop is in the per cent at £7.2 million on the ands of administrators, 32-week period last time. Sales rose 9.3 per cent to £43.2 million. Comparing the two

sales came from the 30 Thorntons shops opened in the first half, 15 of them franchises. The existing ontiets saw volumes drop by about 4 per cent

after stripping out inflation.
However, Mr Thoraton
says St Valentine's Day was a great success and there were good volume gains in existing shops last month. The group has slowed down its openings programme to benefit from better opportunities for acquiring prime pitches and it has an eye on Sock Shop sites.

Analysts expect full-year profits between £9.8 million and £11 million, putting the shares, down 1p at 129p, on a rating of between 11.6 and 14 times earnings. A long-term investment.

Ransomes

Ransomes was affected by the long, dry summer in Europe, but none the less finished last year with profits up 9 per cent at £14.4 million before tax, and fully diluted earnings per share a tenth higher at 17p. It also crowned a series of US acquisitions with the \$150 million purchase of Cushman, making Ransomes the largest maker of "professional" lawnmowers in the world.

The growth in Ransomes' earnings per share was some-

The reasons for this strong performance he partly with its US acquisition programme and partly with its decision to quit the farm machinery busi-

ness, which liberated space at its 260-acre site at lpswich. Property income and gains from the development of surplus land more than doubled from £24 million to £6 mil-

lion last year. But Ransomes' progress has also been underpinned by the rapid expansion in leisurerelated demand. Although 60 per cent of its sales in the UK go to local authorities for the maintenance of playing fields and road verges, in the US the main buyers are golf courses.

American golf courses re-

place their mowers every five years, and Ransomes believes 600 courses will be created between now and the mid-Nineties. It foresees no slackening in the 10 per cent annual growth in sales volume from the development of new golf courses before the century

With analysts expecting profits of £24 million and earnings of 21p, the shares at 170p are on a prospective p/e of 8. For a leisure stock that could be classed as green, that is a snip - and Ransomes is striving to encourage inves-

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

overseas markets.

about £250 million.

world market after 30 years of the fleet being insured entirely by BP's own in-house insurance company, Tanker

BP said that the tanker fleet was regarded by the insurance industry as a "high-quality" risk and it was felt that more effective coverage could be available on the open market.

The insurance broker Heath Martens Horner has been instructed by BP to handle the company policy of having all cent.

Air UK.

BP is moving the insurance of placing. The underwriting is its third-party risk handled by its world tanker fleet on to the expected to be split between the world insurance market the London market and some and Tanker Insurance placing most of its reinsurance in the open market. The vessels to be insured

Traditionally about half include the 20 tankers of BP BP's assets have been insured Shipping and six coastal tankers of BP Oil UK. The in-house with London and combined value of the fleet is other markets handling the remainder of the business.

It is also intendedthat **BP's Tanker Insurance will** continue to handle insurance Tanker Insurance will participate in the insurance followfor other company assets such as oil ries, production plat-forms and pipelines, with the up to a maximum of 25 per ing the market lead, but only

BP fleet risk on open market Amex risks challenge to Shearson buy-back plan

From James Bone, New York

minority stake in Shearson by There was speculation yesterday that American Express exchanging 0.426 of its com-Shearson Lehman Hutton Inc ing common share in Shearson. The proposal reflects Friday's closing prices — \$29.375 for Amex and \$12.50 shareholders after announcing that it would buy all the remaining publicly-held com-mon stock in its alling securifor Shearson - and offers no ties unit in a \$350 million premium for Shearson shares. Analysts predicted that Shearson shareholders might stock swap.

Amex announced on Sunday that it had abandoned respond with legal action. talks with third parties, including Primerica Corp, about possible changes in Shearson's ownership, and would buy back the approximately 30 per cent of Shearson common stock in public hands. The move ended months of manocuvring by Amex to shore up Shearson's finances to stave off a possible credit downgrading.

sudden reversal of its policy to cut its 68 per cent stake in Shearson to under 50 per cent. so that it could take the securities firm's assets and

Amex's move marked a

shares to the public at \$34 each in March 1987. Mr Jim Hanbury,

Amex first sold Shearson

Wertheim Schroder, said that Shearson shareholders might find it difficult to sue Amex. He said: "The reason that American Express is doing

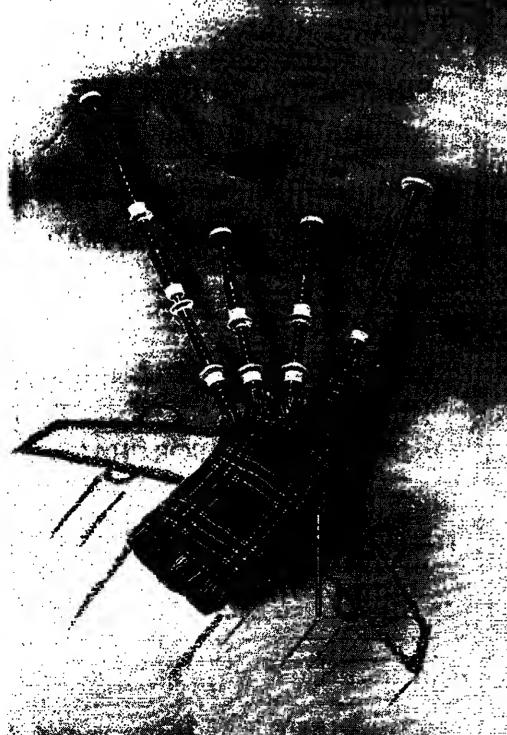
this is to shore up Shearson." Nippon Life Insurance Co of Japan will retain the 13 per cent stake it holds in Shearson through an issue of voting convertible preferred stock.

Amex, which last week said that it was pumping a further \$750 million into Shearson to bring its cash infusion over the last several months to \$1 billion, billed the stock-swap as a sign of its continuing confidence in Shearson.

Mr James D Robinson, chairman of American Express, said: "These actions affirm American Express's" long-term commitment to Shearson Lehman Hutton and its customers, and to working with its management team."

Wall Street analysts speculated, however, that the buyback would make it easier for will buy out the Robinson: backing Sheurson parts of Shearson.

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Where business takes off

US firm invests in Northern **Ireland**

By Robert Rodwell, Belfast

Fruit of the Loom, a US clothing group, is to build two fac-tories near Londonderry, creating 500 jobs over the next five years in the biggest American investment in Northern Ireland for a decade.

Construction of the first factory, a 320,000 sq ft spin-ning plant at Campsie will begin within the next 12 weeks, for a production start-up in mid-1991 and the employment of its full com-plement of 250 by 1992.

By then, construction of the second factory, on a site still to be decided but in the Derry City area, will be under way. This will manufacture sweatshirts for the European mar-ket, begin recruitment in 1993 and be fully manned, with 250 employees, by 1995. Fruit of the Loom, which claims a 40 per cent share of

the US market for its products which also include underwear sports kit and socks, already employs 25,000 people at 40 sites, mostly in the USA. But it is one of the biggest industrial employers in the Irish Republic, with 1,700 workers making T-shirts and

sweatshirts at factories in County Donegal.

Fruit of the Loom has traded under its brand name since 1851.

Wyndham in Cardiff deal

By Our City Staff

Wyndham Group, Mr Brian Brownhill's property, motor and financial services group, is set to buy Churchill House, a freehold property in Cardiff, for £10.1 million from Magnet

House Properties.
Churchill House is situated on a prune location in Cardiff city centre.

The property provides 80,000 sq ft of office accommodation, fully let. Churchill House has a reversionary rental value of about

Tokyo seats for **BZW** and Capel

From Joe Joseph, Tokyo

Two British stockbrokers and maintain their TSE seats. have been allowed to join the Tokyo Stock Exchange after a wait of half a decade.

Barclays 'de Zoete Wedd and James Capel have been told they will be granted mem-bership of the world's biggest stock market in April, ending years of behind-the scenes finger-wagging by Mrs Thatcher and the British Government over an issue that had become another example of Japan's corporate clubbiness.

Joining the London Stock

Exchange is a matter of joining The Securities Association, the regulatory body, and paying entrance and annual fees of up to £50,000 each. BZW and James Capel will have to pay up Y1.34 billion (£5.46 million) each to obtain

the stockbroking arm of the French bank, was also given the go-ahead by the TSE. Mr Minoru Nagaoka, president of the TSE, said: "We've made the decision so that there will be no further inter-

Credit Lyonnais Securities,

national friction.' Mr Michael Connors, general manager of BZW in Tokyo, said: "Joming will cost us about Y400 million a year in running costs . . . which we can comfortably cover with the extra commission we will

Lilley buying Hatfield

construction group, has emer-ged as the bidder for Hatfield Estates, which last week said that it was in takeover talks 40p to 225p.

Lilley is offering 230p a share — with share and loan note alternatives — valuing Hatfield at £17.5 million, and histor has received undertakings to accept in respect of 87.4 per 57p; I cent of Hatfield. Hatfield's 236p.

with a maximum potential cash outlay of £2.5 million. Hatfield reported sales of profits of £2.6 million in the

year to August 31. The bid terms equate to 9.9 times historic earnings. Lilley's shares lost 1p at 57p; Hatfield's rose by 11p to

COMPANY BRIEFS

CAPITA GROUP (Fin)
Pre-tax: £1.30m (£0.74m)
EPS: 10.39p (6.65p)
Div: 1.7p, mkg 2.5p BURFORD HOLDINGS (Fin) Pre-tex: £2.29m (£1.27m) EPS: 1.1p (1.6p)

Dhr: 0.35p, mkg 0.65p SUMIT (Fin) Pro-tax: 20.59m (20.53m) EPS: 7.7p (6.9p) Div: 3.7p mkg 5.2p (4.5p)

UNIDARE (Fin) Ir2 Pre-tsu: 24.12m (25.8m) EPS: 22.63p (38.10p) Div: 10.05p mkg 13.6p NESCO BNVS. (Int) Pro-tax: Loss £0.23m LPS: 5.10p (0.7p)

Div: Nil (1p)

The current year has started we with a number of acquisition opportunities under review.

Last year's total dividend was 0.5; Net asset value a share increased to 56.4p (49.5p). Group turnover clambed to £20.1m (£12.7m).

Net asset value a share slipped from 258p to 245p basic and from 213p to 206p fully diluted. Gross revenue fell from £1.5m to £1.49m.

Last year's total dividend was 12.7P. Sales climbed to 296.5m (£75.5m). There was an extraordinary loss of £1.24m due to the Finglas closure.

Last year's pre-tax profit was £70,000. Turnover increased to 25.55m (£1.9m). Interest debit was £180,000, against £87,000 credit.

Coal jobs to be lost over Mirman contracts says Haslam

generators and the effects of pressures on the industry. three successive mild winters will lead to redundancies in the industry and a revaluation of its deep mine assets, Sir Robert Haslam, the chairman of British Coal, admitted

He told the Coal Industry Society that had coal prices been allowed to rise at the same rate as inflation, the industry would have made

"Hanson-class" profits. However, Sir Robert said the new contracts with National Power and PowerGen under which British Coal will

about-to-be-privatized power CEGB - are increasing the years. Obviously, we would

He said: "Some realignment of our productive capacity will be required. While the details cannot be finally identified until further discussions about coal flows to the individual power stations have been interim arrangements." concluded, we will do what needs to be done as quickly and as painlessly as possible.

"I am quite convinced this is what everyone in our industry prefers so that we can concentrate on the business of building for the future.

"There has been some scepticism cast upon the inherent supply 5 million tonnes a year value of the contracts, recog-

New contracts to supply the less than previously to the nizing they cover only three welcomed the decision by Mr deal, but I feel that when we come to focus on terms for the rest of the decade, the competitive position may well have shifted further in British Coal's favour - and we shall be able to build on these

Sir Robert said that the British Coal policy of keeping price rises to a minimum had cost it dearly. It has given the power industry aprice con-cession of £1.3 billion by keeping rises below the inflation rate from 1986 and for the length of the new contracts.

employee - and to revalue its

John Wakeham, the Energy British Coal balance sheet. This, he added, would allow it to deal with past losses and liabilities - because of largescale redundancies in past years British Coal now has nine pensioners for every one

Sir Robert said these would have to be revalued to reflect the recent enormous changes in the market for fossil fuels. The rewards the industry is likely to earn in the marketplace of the future will not justify a value of £4 billion for He said the coal industry deep-mined assets."

we've gone through, we've been through it together. We will continue as a team." Miss Mirman said that since the group appointed administrators 10 days ago,

> director had disappeared. Sock Shop does not intend to replace Mr Moss directly, although it does intend to strengthen the board and is expected to appoint a finance

the role of corporate finance

'to stay

at Sock

Shop'

By Gillian Bowditch

Miss Sophie Mirman, founder

of Sock Shop, said yesterday

that neither she nor her hus-

band and partner, Mr Richard

Ross, would step down or

hand over the day-to-day run-

ning of Sock Shop to others.

Announcing the departure of Mr Peter Moss, the cor-

porate finance director, she

said: "Richard and I are

working together as a team. We built up Sock Shop to-

gether and whatever mistakes have been made and whatever

Miss Mirman said.

Speculation that they would

"totally unfounded",

She said that the company was still talking about refinan-cing to its original potential investors and to some new ones. However, analysts are concerned at the time it is taking to arrange refinancing Miss Mirman said that, although one or two shops may close, there will not be a massive rationalization. She said: "Most of our shops are

trading profitably."

She acknowledged the possibility of renegotiating rents, saying: "I think that, in general, retail rents went through the roof, and landlords are beginning to realize that if they don't bring them down, the high street will be empty."

Sock Shop, whose shares are suspended at 34p, has changed its year-end from February to

Hoesch buys Gwent stake

Hoesch, the West German steelmaker, announced in Bonn it had taken an 80 per cent stake in Gwent Steel, one of the biggest of Britain's dwindling force of independent steel stockholders. The value of the deal was oot

Gwent Steel's annual turnover is about £30 million. The company is based at Newport, South Wales.

Hoesch is believed to have been among a number of recent suitors anxious to arrange a deal with Gwent.

COMMENT David Brewerton

ICI comes out on the side of the bulls

take powers to buy in up to 10 per cent of its shares does not seem to amount to much. Many companies have taken similar powers, and some have used them quite extensively. The move by ICI, bowever, is on a different scale from most, simply because to buy in a tenth of the company's equity would cost around £750 million. That amount of new money going into the equity market as a whole would bring a sparkle to the jaded eyes of the market makers: that amount into ICI alone would send the price through the roof.

ICI has no plans to mount a dawn raid on itself, but there are a number of compelling reasons why the power to buy its own shares is unlikely to lie dormant in the company armoury. The first is that, while the price can be expressed as cheap or dear according to fundamental analysis of earnings and dividends, the final arbitration takes place between buyers and sellers. By bringing itself into the market as buyer, ICI ought to be able to outgun potential sellers. At the very least, this should stabilize the price: if the power is used with anything approaching aggression, it should send the price higher.

The group has a good deal of headroom before buying in becomes uneconomic. On the basis of 15 per cent interest rates, it can buy at an historic price/earnings ratio up to 10.3 before earnings begin to be diluted rather than enhanced. Thus the company would be able to bid up to beyond 1350p before the game ceased to be worth the candle. Compared with the current share price of 1089p, that is music to the ears of ICI shareholders. The move will also have a beneficial effect on sentiment in the US, where the decision to buy in means either great confidence on the part of the management or the scent of

a takeover bid. Back in the realms of fundamental analysis, 1CI shares are lowly rated against the market and prospectively yielding half a point or more above the 6 per cent at which it is usually safe to buy them. The tension in the market may not be finally resolved for several months, but ICI has struck a blow for the bulls.

Action on the dollar

entral bank co-operation in the currency markets is alive and well. Yesterday, practically every ceotral bank one had ever heard of, and makes. a few one had oot, eotered the market to try and beat the dollar back into its box. abilities of the finest minds at Thorn They had a fair degree of success, pushing the currency back below DM1.70, which is usually regarded as the bottom end of the original "Louvre" tiating points.

Said quickly, the decision by range agreed in the context of the Imperial Chemical Industries to Louvre accord in February, 1987. But, by the close, the US currency had recovered some of its losses, ending less than a pfennig down on its previous close at DM1.7045.

In spite of the show of central bank solidarity, it is not clear that the interests of all parties are pointing in the same direction. Manuel Johoson, the deputy chairman of the US Federal Reserve Board, was quoted on Friday as saying that the firmness in the dollar had provided a bit more breathing space in the fight against inflation. But the Bundesbank is unwilling to see a depreciation of the mark for the same reason - that it would be inflationary in Germany. It would also, the Bundesbank explains, be inappropriate for a country with the world's largest trade

If the world's monetary mandarins want to set new target ranges or arrange new offensives in currency markets they have a convenient opportunity at the meeting of Working Party 3 of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development - the forum for balance of payments discussions - now under way in the suburbs of Tokyo. More likely, however, any substantive decisions will be deferred until the ministerial Group of Seven meeting either in April or before the International Mooetary Fund meeting at the beginning of May.

Thorny questions

horn EMI is sticking rigidly to its refusal to comment on reports from Los Angeles that it is about to buy Mr David Geffen's Geffen Records for a massive \$700 millioo. Such information, it warns, is pricesensitive and not for general circulation.

Battered Thorn shareholders might be forgiveo for thinking of horses and stable doors, given the £1-plus slump in the company's share price since the start of last mooth, wheo the rumours started to circulate. The shares lost another 4p to 687p yesterday as The Wall Street Journal became the latest to pick up the tale. The reason for the market's fear is obvious; \$700 million is a hefty sum to pay for a business in the notoriously fickle music industry.

Mr Geffen is ooe of the sharpest operators in the US music industry, even if most of the artists he is associated with have something of a 1970s ring to them. He, of course, has no private shareholders to worry about or Stock Exchange regulations to limit any announcements he

But it should oot be beyond the to draft some kind of announcement to put its shareholders' minds at rest without giving away too many nego-

Kelt sells oil stake for £4.4m

per cent stake in a North Sea oil licence block - which includes a 2.1 per cent share in the Balmoral Field — for £4.4 million. Arco bought 9.2 per cent for £3.3 million and Goal Petroleum 3.3 per cent for £1.1 million.

The sale will help Kelt to pay some of the £170 million in short-term debt it has with American Express Bank. But there has been speculation that it will soon announce a big financial restructuring package with medium and long-term lending replacing its

It borrowed £220 million from Amex to finance its takeover of Carless Capel and paid back £130 million on schedule by selling the Carless refining and marketing operations. Since then, however, it has increased its debt, mainly by having to meet its share of the development costs of the BP Wytch Farm onshore field in Dorset. It now has to meet the

remaining debt payments be-tween April and June and its management has already started talks oo a refinancing Kelt also announced yes-

terday that it has started appraisal drilling of its oil discovery on an onshore site oear Goodwood in West

Find for Elf

Elf Aquitaine Syria has made its first oil find in Syria, in the second well drilled on the Deir Es Zor permit in eastern Syria, its parent company, France's

Jourdan on the bid trail



Dreaming of a bright pre-Christmas climate: Keith Whitten, chairman of Thomas Jourdan

Thomas Jourdan, whose comsomer product interests range from Corby tronser presses to kitchen and bedroom furnitare, is on the look out for actions because it believes difficulties in the market place could present business opportunities, Colin Campbell

bank, to pursue opportunities, though it concedes after a 1989 profits drop that this year could be another difficult one for consumer confidence.

around September in front of the Christmas season by which time we hope consumers Jourdan has appointed Lazard Brothers, the merchant man, says. Pre-tax profits in compared with 12.4p.

slipped from £2,87 million to £2.11 million on sales of £28.9 million (£30.2 million). Mr Whitten says profits were affected by weak markets for "The real, test for us is. consumer goods.

> The dividend is maintained at 5.6p, with a final of 4.1p, payable May 8. Net earnings for the year were 8.47p a share

Elf Aquitaine, said. Banks protest over Bill side-effects

ation is protesting against the side effects of The Criminal Justice (International Co-Op-eration) Bill, which today enters the Committee stage in

The legislation is aimed at defeating drug money-laun-dering in Britain, but the additional protocol attached to the Bill brings fiscal offences primarily tax-related and not generally the subject of crimscope of the European Con-

Stands

packed to

the brim

into Criminal Matters. The association said the in-

clusion of fiscal offences with-in the Bill has been justified as a means of enabling the Inland Revenue to obtain evidence from other countries which may be used in British criminal prosecutions.

According to Mr David Elvidge, association chairman and the taxation director of Barclays Bank, the inclusion alleged offence may not be an officeal offences achieves noof fiscal offences achieves nothing for Britain unless other

ciprocity to Britain. He said: "The UK is mviting any other country which alleges a fiscal offence against one of its citizens to obtain confidential information, for example details of bank accounts, information in accountants' records and commercial information generally, in circumstances where the

The British Bankers' Associ- vention on Mutual Assistance countries adopt the additional themselves have no power to protocol which would give re- obtain such information."

The association said the Bill should be amended to make it clear it will not include fiscal offences. "If someone is robbing a bank or selling cocaine, the law is fairly clear about the illegality no matter which country is concerned. But with fiscal offences the nuances of the law change from country to country and the UK would be loath to breach banker/ client confidentiality without

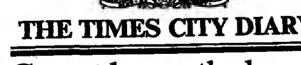
Mountain

If you are hoping for a juicy corporate invite to what looks like being one of the sporting events of the year, forget it. which holds the sole rights to согрогате hospitality tickets at Murrayfield for the March 17 England-Scotland game, says all its allocation of 1,000 seats went months ago. "There's always strong demand for the Calcutta Cup, however the teams are doing," says Mc-Lauchlan. Otherwise you

might try being friendly to the Scottish financial mafia, always well provided with tickets - most big institutions up there have their own deben-

Cruel spoot

There are certain letters so embarrassing that you regret ever opening them. One such arrived, addressed to a former editor of this diary now on another newspaper, telling her she had been shortlisted for a job in public relations and giving details of her interview. Resisting the temptation to call around various mutual friends in the Press and gossip on her misfortune, this diary did the decent thing and made a quiet phone call. But the whole thing is in fact a cruel spoof, dreamt up by the publishers of the forthcoming Return of the Complete Revenge Ait, due out just in time for April 1. The first book in the series, some five years ago, featured a number of juvenile



Govett leaves the board from the board of the investger's Berkeley Technology in November 1986. He is the only ment group that bears his

name, Berkeley Govett, to head related investment trusts, including the new Hungarian Investment Company. His departure from the board marks the end of a long stint on the board of John Govett, founded by his father, which

executive board member apart from Trueger, and there are no immediate plans for a replacement. Kevin Pakenbam, chief executive of John Govett itself. said: "We look forward to a close association with him for Kleinwort Benson to oversee

where the British authorities

nics and caused no little controversy. This time round, we ture seats and are saved the are promised, the jokes have indignity of going through mellowed a little. Be warned. The spitality brokers. Linking up

An old partnership will be revived when Martin Gordoo

Ian Carvill, doubling the team joins Panmure Gordon Inon the investment managevestment Management from ment side to six.



hoaxes including indiscreet its business development and letters from certain private cliclient liaison. He and its managing director since the start of last year, Richard Williams, previously worked together at Hill Samuel Investment Management. Two other fund managers are also joining Panmure, Keith Yarwood and

Unkind cut

My knowledge of Tagalog is, I admit, limited. But I think that if pressing need ever struck I would probably look for a better interpreter than that used by the local council of San Jose in California when it wanted to put up a 30ft banner across the main street to welcome a visiting party from the Philippines. The banner should have read tuloy po kayo - "Welcome Filipioos." The council came up with the more menacing tuley "Circumcise po kayo — Filipinos."

challenge

A growing feature of corporate and under-fit executives doing difficult, strenuous or dangerous things in the cause of team spirit and corporate achievement. Now comes the Challengers Trophy, oxymoronically described as "this gruelling but fun event," where teams spend three days the least hospitable hills this country has to offer. Already in training for the 1990 competition, the first to be held in Britain and set for the end of May in the Trossachs, are two teams apiece from Samuel Montagu and Bankers Trust the latter's squad is all-female. Also booked in for prolonged sick leave come June 3 are various rising stars from Allied Dunbar, Legal & General, Standard Life and the London Traded Options Market. The whole thing was dreamt up by former Belgian rally driver Michel Malschaert and mvolves canoeing, mountain biking, climbing, initiative tests and others too tiring even to enumerate.

Somewhere out there -- doubt less atop a huge pile of post which inexplicably fails to arrive over the years - there is a note informing Roger Felber's Parkfield Group of the minor detail that the mighty Norwich Union owns almost 8 per cent of it. The letter went out from the Norwich at the end of without trace - the first Parkfield learnt of it officially was more than a month later.

Martin Waller

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BUSINESS LETTERS

A heartfelt plea to set 'free enterprise' free automatically inherit three or impossible statutory burden

As a small manufacturer. I

need the patronage of big

business, not the patronage of

leeches. I am darned if I am

going to mortgage my life away and work 100 profitless

hours a week because "It is my

Instead of welcoming the

backyard micro-manufactur-

weapon imaginable, from

planning regs to DSS raids to

It is time we set free

enterprise free, by giving in-

sful contributor.

Sir, There are a number of four pin-stripe parasites; I on them. It is no good tuti-high-growth developing and could fight imports if I had tutting the trade figures; these re-developing nations in the only myself to support for the world, all making the grade first few years and I would be our land; they demand money through free enterprise at ev- delighted to pay my way as and then used the same ery level of their economies. soon as I could feed my money to shoot us in both feet. These successful countries business properly. have one thing in common: large informal sectors (vilified here as the "black economy") that are highly competitive and adaptive, feeding human enterprise into the grass-roots of successful growth.

In this country, enterprising duty." individuals face a daunting start, not only from high er, we label him as a social interest rates and short-sighted banks, but also from criminal and use every an army of over-enthusiastic statutory bodies whose restop him growing up into a quirements add up to an surmountable financial and administrative burden.

I am one of many who could start a successful micro-business tomorrow if I didn't

Share ownership

From the Chairman, Initial Public Offers Review Committee, The International Stock Exchange

Sir, Your Comment of March 1, "Misplaced emphasis at SE" gave a misleading impression of the recent report on Initial Public Offers. Far from suggesting that "wider share ownership is not something members need to be bothered about" the report of my Review Committee reinforces the role of Stock Exchange Member Firms in fostering wider and deeper share ownership.

The present method of responding to offers for sale through application forms in newspapers has undoubtedly helped to create a very large number of individual share-

Credit alternative

Sir. The current political de-

bate over "credit controls" as

sive consumer credit demand

has overlooked a very simple

alternative mechanism which

would use market forces

Credit card companies cur-

rently impose a condition on

all their merchant-agents pro-

hibiting the agent from

differential pricing by, for instance, offering discounts

for payment by cash or cheque

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a means of dampening exces-

From Mr David Weston

holders in this country. The next stage is to build on this wide base of share owners to encourage private investors to expand their portfolios.

The Review Committee therefore recommended that, as an alternative to an offer for sale, a company may choose to offer a proportion of every medium-sized new issue of shares to the general public through financial advisers; this, of course, includes Member Firms of the Stock Exchange. These professional intermediaries could advise their private clients about the suitability of the issue and ensure that investors are not left simply holding shares, but know where to seek advice and how to buy and sell shares through the trading market. The Review Committee also

recommended that large new

issues of shares should con-

as compared with payment by

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subsidise their more costly

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There is clearly a free

market case for outlawing this

kind of condition as an un-

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Yours faithfully,

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procedures. We hope that by allowing other financial intermediaries to become part of the new issue process, banks, building societies and investment advisers in every high street will in time respond to customer demand and offer share dealing services. This is not an abdication of nur responsibilities; it demonstrates the commitment of the International Stock Exchange and its Members to the important objective of wider and deeper share ownership. Yours faithfully,

GRAHAM ROSS RUSSELL, Chairman Initial Public Offers Review Committee, The International Stock

Exchange, London. The profits of the creditcard companies may well be dented by such a freeing of the real price of credit, but the Government would be wise to weigh the free-trade and public interest arguments in favour of such an approach against the commercial interest of the card companies in maintaining their present

restrictive practices. Yours faithfully DAVID WESTON. 4a The Broadway, Brighton Road. Worthing. West Sussex

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From Mr Adrian T. M. Elliott Sir, In their otherwise exling make one major omisthose of Germany.

It is only the family-owned business which has the inthat the harvest may be reaped a generation later.

on the run, a policy dedicated to nurturing the family and its business could even yet re-grow this fundamental bone structure for the body politic, but it will take 50 years to do. Yours truly,

The Old Vicarage, All Souls Road, South Ascot.

responsibility for "negligence" is even more difficult to understand than Mr Taylor describes (March 2). If, over the fence. I am asked for, and give, an opinion on some house maintenance problem, then I am liable to be held responsible "in negligence" because my neighbour was aware that I used to have some responsibility in that field of

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JOHN CONSTABLE. 14 Church Street. Pershore. Worcestershire. March 3.

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cellent analysis of what is wrong in Britain, Mr Peter Morgan and Sir Jeffrey Stersion; they fail to note the startling lack of middle-sized family-owned companies in Britain, in comparison with

Fifty years of socialist taxation, and of the reign of an Establishment ignorant of business, did farally weaken nur family businesses. They were finally done to death by the clumsy monetarism of early Thatcher. The ownerworkers of the time are now contented investors instead.

ADRIAN T. M. ELLIOTT,

February 28. Liability on advice

Sir, The situation on legal

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From Mr John Constable, CBE, C Eng, FICE, FRICS, FI Munc E, PPI Hosp E

Yours faithfully,

ALPHA STOCKS

Britain needs family firms

the foreign exchanges slumped to its lowest in a long time as the focus of fears about the economy and the political uncertainty for the Government switched to the foreign exchange market.

Only 316 million shares were traded, raising further concern about the future of some securities houses within the Square Mile. The FT-SE 100 index never recovered from an initial mark-down with one half-hearted attempt at a rally scuppered by an uncertain start to trading on Wall Street. The index finished 24.3 lower at 2,230.5. The FT index of 30 shares fell 18.6 to 1,755.6. Dealers reported little selling but expressed fears about the

to support the market. Government securities railied from their worst levels but still suffered falls of £% at the

ICI was one of the few constituents of the FT-SE 100 to manage a gain with a rise of 12p to £10.89 following the news of the company's decision to buy back up to 10 per cent of its own shares. It joins a long list of blue-chip companies which are buying their But, ICI says, investors

should not read too much into the decision. During the year, it issued about 75 million shares as part of its employee sbare-ownership scheme. After it has completed the operation, the shares will be cancelled.

Elsewhere among the lead-ers, Bass tumbled 28p to 931p amid talk that Kleinwort Benson and a rival broker, Warburg Securities, had become sellers of the stock. Kleinwort is bearish about the equity market but the broking side has refused to comment.

GRANADA GROUP: THE SLIDE CONTINUES, 420

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Body Shop was weak, falling 31p to 458p despite last week's

reassurances by the European Commission that it does not

intend to introduce more

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fered from an early mark-

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Simon Street, an analyst, has

decided to bring his estimate

for the current year (to March

31) back into line and he has

cut his forecast of pre-tax profits from £227 million to

£207 million, reducing the

Mr Street blames the high

Strong opposition to the

level of interest rates, which

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down in the economy.

for 1991.

Racal Electronics also suf-

continues to recommend selective purchases. British Aerospace was another weak market, losing 21 p at 484p.

Granada, the motorway services, bingo and television production group, continued to lose ground with a fall of 7p to 291p - making a drop of 17p during the last two trading

Rank Organisation advanced against the trend, rising 8p to 785p amid claims that Barclays de Zoete Wedd had embarked on a buying spree. But it seems more likely that some market-makers were found short of stock by a few selective buvers. Turnover in the shares was a mere 613,000.

Fears that Thorn EMI is about fund a big acquisition were revived with the price easing 3p to 689p, after 680p.

This time the story is circulating in New York amid claims that it was ready to pay \$700 milling for Geffen, the independent US music company. The company's founder, Mr David Geffen, has already said it is not for sale but Thorn privatization stocks. British

sure, losing 8p at 285p. The strong yield has been attracting a number of income funds in recent weeks as part of the flight to quality. The recentlyprivatized water stocks also came under pressure with Anglian losing 6p to 171p, Northumbrian 9p to 173p, North West 61/2p to 1661/2p. Severn Trent op to 143p, Southern 2p to 150p. South West 7p to 185p, Thames 6p to 1571:p. Welsh 6p to 173p. Wessex 8p to 174p and Yorkshire 7p to 187p. The water package tumbled £57 to £16.18.

The clearing banks were in disarray as Standard & Poor's, the credit reference agency, downgraded \$2 billion of National Westminster Bank's subordinated deht to AA-plus from AAA. The share price responded with a fall of 5p to 347p. The banks said it did not expect its funding costs to be significantly altered by the

The other clearers also lost ground but managed to close above their worst levels of the day. Barclays Bank shed 4p to 576p, Lloyds Bank 4p to 285p and Midland Bank 6p to 325p. Recent takeover favourite Royal Bank of Scotland eased 2p to 189p.

fully diluted earnings estimate Hatfield Estates, the buildfrom 9.7p to 9.1p. He has also ing and property developer, cut £14 million from his jumped 11p to 236p matching original figure of £334 million the agreed terms from construction group Lilley, valuing the entire group at £17.5 million. Lilley is paying £7.5 million in cash with the are expected to cost the group remainder financed by a loan note and share alternative. The Hatfield directors, including chairman Mr Bob Morton, bave accepted the terms. They account for 87 per cent of the took their toll among the equity between them.

Michael Clark

WORLD MARKETS

Light buying pushes Dow higher New York (Reuter) - The ● Tokyo - The Nikkei index after sluggish trading because on Wall Street on Friday and

Dow Jones industrial average dropped 212.36 points, or 0.62 of the absence of fresh inwas ahead by 4 points at per cent, to 33,845.20. Shares centives to push the market 2,664.36 in early trading. Light buying, inspired by a lows in listless dealings. Fu- tance level. strong gain in blue chips last tures-related selling won a week, overcame selling after a battle with general buying but steep decline in the dollar and it was not a hotly contested a fall in US Treasury bills. one as most investors were on day's high of 1,838.38. Shares Traders said that some fu- the sidelines, tures-related buying helped.

American Express fell 1% to 27% on disappointment that it will not sell its 60 per cent holding in Shearson Lehman Hutton but will buy all the hares it does not own.

• Hong Kong - The Hang Seng index gained 0.75 of a point to 2,938.68 after secsawing within a narrow 24index added 0.38 to 1.928.61.

closed lower but well off their through an important resis-• Frankfart - The DAX index closed 14.93 higher at 1,833.16. This was below the

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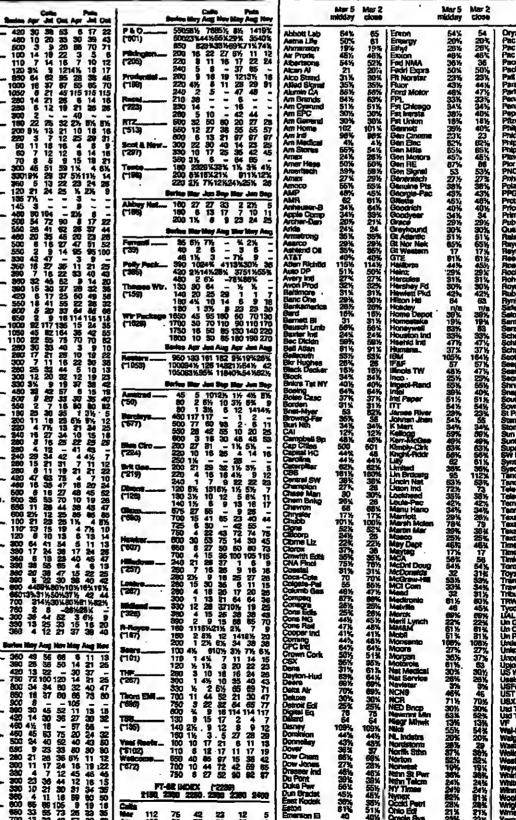
bargain-hunting in leading stocks led the market to a firmer finish.

• Singapore - The Straits Times industrial index inched up only 0.98 of a point to 1,552.45 after reaching 1.562.10 in the first hour.

 Johannesburg — The overall share index closed at a preliminary 3,101 against Friday's 3,072. The market ended slightly firmer in wary trading after a generally easier start,

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TAKEOVER OFFER BY BML HOLDINGS PTY LTD

NOTICE TO NON-ACCEPTING SHAREHOLDERS: APPLICATION FOR COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF OUTSTANDING METRAMAR SHARES

BML Holdings Pty Ltd ("BML") has applied to the National Companies and Securities Commission for modification of Section 42 of the Companies (Acquisitions of Shares) (Western Australia) Code, in relation to its takeover offer dated 31 July 1989 for all the fully paid ordinary shares in Metramar Minerals Limited ("the Metramar shares") to which it was not entitled, so that it may proceed to acquire compulsorily all outstanding Metramar shares for \$1.20 cash per share, without having received acceptances from three-quarters of the offerees under the takeover scheme. At the close of the Offer on 31 January 1990 BML was entitled to 99.2% of Metramar shares and had received acceptances from 45.4% of offerees.

Shareholders in Metramar Minerals Limited who did not accept the BML Offer may still sell their Metramar shares to BML at \$1.20 cash per share. For details contact Mr. Robin Waters on (09) 322 2288. Reverse charge calls are welcome. Metramar shareholders who oppose the application are also invited to make submissions in relation to the application to Mr. N. Morris, National Companies and Securities Commission, GPO Box 5179AA, Melbourne 3001 by Tuesday 20 March 1990.

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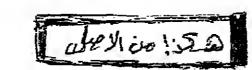
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ritain has more manage-ment consultants than almost any country in the world and numbers continue to grow, in good times and bad. Contrary to pessimistic expectations, last year was a buoyant one for the profession; the Management Consultancies' Association says fees earned in Britain increased from £350 million to £577 million.

But the rise in overseas earnings was proportionately much greater - from £33 million to £76 million. By far the biggest export markets are in Europe, where earnings rose from £20 million to £46 million.

The Bank of England regards management consultancy as an increasingly important source of invisible export earnings, offsetting losses from the securities business as London's financial supremacy fades. The bank expects that consultancies will soon recruit qualified people from the contracting securities houses. Their arrival should ease staff shortages and enhance consultants' profits by limiting the salaries spiral

Yet despite recent expansion, David Miller, the association's president, views the economic climate as "more uncertain than io- everal years". He says: "High interest rates, reduced retail spending and sluggish manufacturing output have created a cautious mood. Few expect the

managers are increasingly turning to information technology to give their

companies a competitive edge in

The potential of II is so great that the Government has an-

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The UK's management consultancy industry is booming following an

increase in business from international

clients, David Rudnick reports recent growth in the domestic the field, followed by finance and

market to coutinue at the same high levels through the early But the Government's determination to cut public-sector spend-

ing is bringing a bonanza for management consultants. Last year central government spent at least £113 million on consultancy, and it is increasing its annual spending by more than 30 per cent year, according to the journal Management Consultancy.
The market for public-sector consultancy services, according to

estimates, could be worth a third of all the fees earned by British consultancies. However, Whitehall's use of private-sector consul-tants will probably be more rigorously scrutinized now that a report has been published revealing that this spending in the Health and Social Security departments has leapt in recent years by

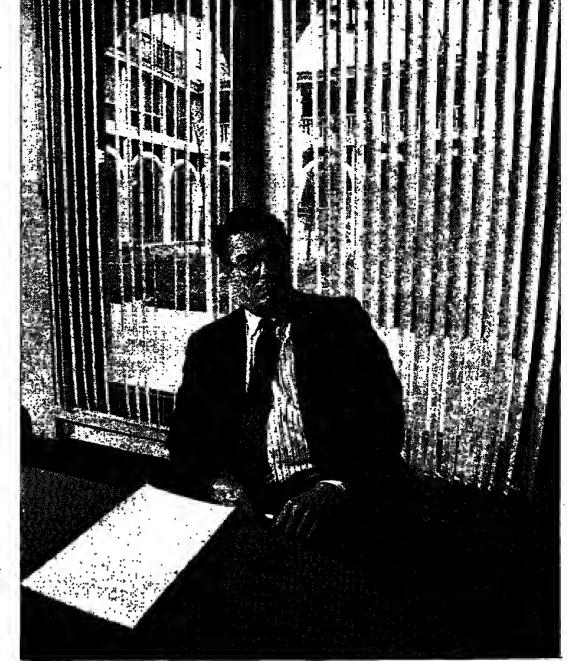
An analysis of the source of consultancy fees earned in Britain during 1989 shows that informa-tion technology (£177 million) led lowed by PA, Peat Marwick McLintock, Arthur Andersen and Price Waterhouse. The increasingly international

scale of management consultancy is making the big businesses bigger to enable them to service international clients. But a factor limiting growth in size is the tendency of clients to avoid using the same consultancy as a competitor. Further growth in corporate scale is therefore likely to come

from mergers and acquisitions.

Management consultants have traditionally been feared by managements as company doctors whose presence on the premises a client would do anything to conceal. Today, far less shame atta-ches to bringing in professional expertize to advise on corporate problems. Far from denoting ill health, willingness to hire outside consultants might well indicate managerial determination to streamline operations, cut costs and improve profitability.

Despite the growing inter-nationalism of management consultancy, foreign competition is causing little anxiety. "National European firms like Roland Berger in Germany, or Berenschot in The Netherlands, exert little competitive influence," Mr Miller says. "But a number of mediumsized European firms are approaching UK firms to create European groupings, and these could spell more competition."



Cautious: David Miller, president of the Management Consultancies' Association, says the future is uncertain

Information technology is being used to equip Britain for entry into the single European market

l'echnology lends a sharper edge

nounced that it plans to provide a third of the £3 million required for according to George Cox, managing director of Butler Cox, a an initiative to boost the competitive use of II by British comleading management consultancy, The initiative, called Gemini, is the first of its kind in Europe. It is be put down to a number of factors: • The continued development of aimed at helping the private and public sectors respond to the challenges of the European single the technology itself, with increased power, new capability, and vastly changed economics.

 The continued move of computing into everyday life. The increasing use of IT to sharpen the competitive edge of • Changing telecommunications, which provide an intrastructure

that makes global trading a possibility and will make electronic date interchange a norm.

The growth of the installed systems base, meaning that much of the data needed for competitiveedge applications is already being

administration (£148 million).

These two sectors accounted for

56 per cent of all fees. IT these

days offers self-generating busi-ness, given the dynamic state of

computer-based technology and

companies' needs to keep abreast

In the association's recent sur-

vey about the concerns of chief

executives, one in five mentioned

IT as a key issue for the 1990s. Twice as many cited "people

availability", and nearly a third chose the single European market.

But 84 per cent put human

resource management issues

among their top three concerns. This is reflected in the expanding

role of human resource specialists

Competition is strong and the main consultancies are jockeying

more than ever for a market share.

The association estimates that Coopers Deloitte, being formed by the imminent inerger of Coopers & Lybrand and Deloitte Haskins

& Sells, will be the largest con-sultancy practice in Britain, fol-

of the latest developments.

• The increasing number of line managers who understand what the technology might do. • The increasing use of informa-

captured and processed.

tion technology at the "sharp end" of the business.

But using these new systems to meet needs is often beyond the scope of in-house systems managers because they do not have the resources to keep pace with the advances in IT.

A common problem is that the in-house systems manager is still regarded as a senior specialist, not a senior member of management.

He is not brought into strategic

thinking early enough.
This partly explains why IT remains the largest business of management consultants. The turnover for the 30 members of the Management Consultancies' Association alone was worth £177

And there is a high penalty for getting the system's infrastructure wrong, Andrew Davies, an IT

been asked to resolve 10 problem projects worth at least £125 mil-

lion in the past three years. "All but one of the projects were of sach a scale that their problems had an impact upon the business that was much greater than the project cost," he says.

Mr Cox believes the future hangs in the balance for the systems manager. "On the

opportunity side, there are three werful weights - the greater demand for systems, the greater importance of systems, and the greater facilities with which these systems can be delivered," he says.

But there is the threat that organizations will fail to recognize the potential of systems, and, therefore, the role of the systems manager. Mr Cox believes that the opportunities will ontweigh the. threats. "Many corporations may conclude that no strong, overall approach to informations systems is necessary," he says. "It is a view that may not survive for long, but perhaps long enough to see off many corporate systems chiefs."

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A profitable market trend provides the incentive for Britain's best to take up the challenge of 1992, David Rudnick writes

nagement consultants are well placed to benefit from the challenges facing business, as 1992 and the single European market loom ever nearer. Figures from the Management Consultancies' Association already show an accelerating trend in fees earned in the European Community — up 55 per cent in 1988, then more than doubling again in 1989 to a total of £36 million.

West Germany (£7.2 million) is the largest single market, despite also being one of the toughest to crack. Belgium is next best earner (£6 million), because of its central location and the attraction of Brussels for companies wishing to be based at the Community's perve centre.

Information technology (£11.3 million) and manufacturing management and technology (£7.2 million) bring in the biggest money.

The association has adopted as its theme for 1990 the "practical implication of managing the European dimension". David Miller, the association's president, sees three

inesses emerging across Europe during the next the next 10 years.

The first type, he believes, will be characterized by size. These businesses will be large accountancy-based firms providing a wide range of services in virtually every Community country.

The second will be based on specialization. Companies will be smaller in size, but determined to spread their specialized skills - in providing logistical advice, for example — over as wide an area as possible.

Mr Miller sees the third type of consultancy as the stay-at-home, na-tionally based firm, enormously strong in its own country and uninterested in expansion across

All Britain's big firms are gearing up for the European future. Peat Marwick McLintock (part of Klynveld Peat Marwick Goerdeler - KPMG) has recruited Lord Cockfield, a former vice-president of the EC Commission, and a prime mover in the 1992 campaign, as a special adviser.

KPMG reckons it has already

earned £3 million from Community-

Beyond", which offers news and views on everything concerning the single market from tax advice to a glossary of Euro-jargon.

Keeping abreast of Community rules and regulations and advising on their likely impact on clients' interests is proving to be a particularly useful service, given the flood of legislation issuing from the Commission.

When it comes to broader questions of strategy the questions that arise are: What sort of growth would best suit the client - merger, acquisition, franchising, licensing or joint venture? Should he expand rapidly and go for broke with all the attendant risks, or build up his market presence more

Finding suitable people for the jobs involved in resolving these questions is emerging as one of the chief problems facing British industry as it

confronts 1992. Britain's problem is that as a low-salary country — bottom of the Community league except for Greece and Portugal — it finds it hard to clients — "gateway" commissions for which British firms are particularly suited to help non-Community com-panies establish themselves inside the attract top-grade managers, while her most enterprising business graduates are eyeing greener pastures across the Another British firm, Stoy Hayward, has set up an Action Centre Europe in the United States to advise

"Continental Europeans are much further down the track towards inte-gration than the UK," says John Woodger, group marketing director of MSL. "For them, 1992 is the end date, while for us it's only the starting date."



Confident: "The UK has the most sophisticated management consultancy," Brian O'Rorke says

Challenge of Europe

Prian O'Rorke, executive director of the Management Consultancies' Association, takes a cautiously optimistic view of the prospects facing the profession. He does not expect the high rewards of the expanding Eighties to continue. But he says: "Management consultancy thrives in periods of change. ment consummer turives in periods of change. This is, and will continue to be, such a period, so prospects are good if change can be serviced, particularly in eastern Europe."

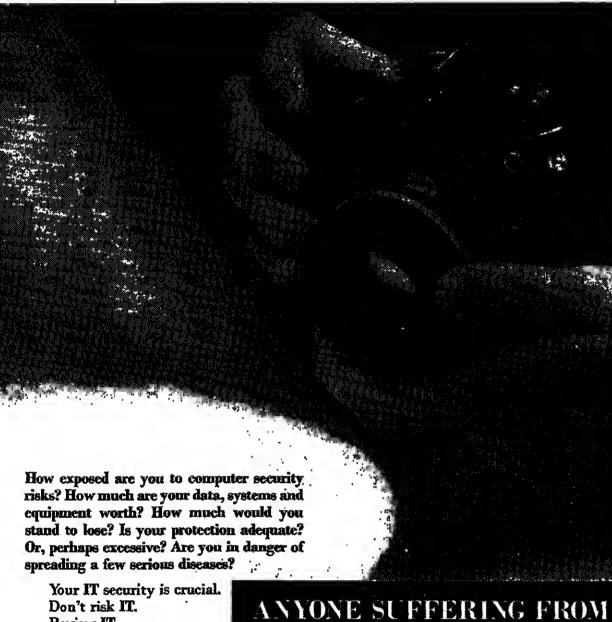
But it is in western Europe, gearing up for 1992, that management consultants face their biggest challenge. Mr O'Rorke is aware of, but

some quarters. "The UK," he believes, "has a more sophisticated management consultancy sector than anywhere in Europe, so we have the basis for influencing the direction in which the profession develops in Europe If we don't, we

and the

shall have only ourselves to blame."

As proof of commitment, Mr O'Rorke points out that the president of the MCA, David Miller, is based in Brussels as managing director of Coopers & Lybrand Europe. And next year the MCA will be assuming the presidency of the European Federation of Management Consultants' Associations



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NHS costings are under review - but some things, like the argency of a patient being rushed into casualty, never change

are now sweeping through the Natio-nal Health Service have turned the health care sector into one of the most competitive markets as well as an increasingly lucrative one.

Following the leak of a highly critical report by the Efficiency Unit, Whitehall's internal watchdog on the Department of Health and Social Security, the depart-ment disclosed that it spent £3.5 million on management consultants. But this does not tell the whole story.

The Management Consult-ancies' Association will announce figures soon which show that the fees earned by its 30 members for health care totalled £12 million last year twice the amount of the previous year. Not all management consultancy firms are

members of the association. The discrepancy is largely answered by the fact that health authorities and individual hospitals are spending increasing sums on manage-ment consultants to help them prepare for the changes in health care proposed in the Government White Paper,

"Working for Patients".
Gerald Johnson, head of
Ernst & Young's health care group strategic management team, described competition among consultants as "fierce". It is easy to understand why. One of the most important proposals of the White Paper is that responsibility for buying and delivering health care will be separated from 1991. Purchasers, usually a dis-

Business is

Management consultants are in demand to prepare for changes

responsible for evaluating and meeting the needs of a defined population. They will buy from a number of providers, the hospitals and general prac-

titioners.

The division in roles be-tween purchaser and provider sets up the classic dynamics of the marketplace, says Johnson, bringing about the need for business plans, strategic planning, resource management, and greater use of information technology.

Top management consultants began employing health care specialists, such as doc-tors and clinicians, health economists and pharmacologists, about three years ago to supplement the work of other

Before he joined Touche onsible for health care, Dr Sabri Challah was a specialist in community health, coordinated a number of DHSS sponsored projects, and acted

trict health authority, will be as adviser to the Health Commission of the EC. "Management consultants

option appraisals by helping authorities identify the needs of their areas, especially as they will now have to include capital costs in the appraisals," he says.

ption appraisal, however, is only one area in which management consultant skills are being used. Touche Ross, for example, is working with staff at the South West Thames Regional Health Authority to define its purchaser-provider

Business planning also fig-ures highly in consultant work. Michael Delaney of Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte says that many health authorities have undertaken valuable work in analysing the need for

future provision.

"The White Paper, however, requires such a radical change in roles and functions that a comprehensive reevaluation is now necessary.

he says.
"Districts will need to divorce their role in directing unit-managed services from their overall role in determining health care needs for the community they serve, and set up explicit contracts to meet those needs from the resources available."

The White Paper imposes a wide variety of demands on authorities: greater emphasis on value-for-money audits, eost improvement programmes, financial manage-"Management consultants ment, strategie planning, can assist and advise on project appraisals, an increased awareness of informa-

tion technology.

One area where management consultant skills are clearly paying their way is with VAT. Skilled young auditors who know their way through the arcane regulations of the Customs and Excise and can earn authorities substantial refunds.

Ernst & Young has 30 auditors who will "crawl over the piles of invoices in ware houses and secure refunds of up to a million pounds" says Gerald Johnson. It may be boring work, but for Ernst & Young it not only represents about 15 per cent of its business but, more importantly, it gives it a toehold with authorities when tenders are on offer for more stimulating

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East meets West at management level

Eastern Europe is looking to the West for the management skills it lacks, David Rudnick reports

dented need for high-level managemeot expertise throughout Eastern Europe to carry through the profound economic reforms of perestroika - restructuring. Demaod for Westero management consultancy services is booming and is likely to continue for the foreseeable

Western consultants are performing several roles. They are helping to reshape East European management systems, retrain and upgrade local managers, transfer Western management know-how, develop links with Western businesses and assist the

emerging private sector.

But while the need may be unlimited, effective demand for these consultancy services is constrained by foreign exchange shortages, by unclear local knowledge of what consultants do and how they operate, and by uncertainty about important macro-ecocomic decisions.

Where World Bank projects have started or are in preparation, they generally involve using and promoting local

Viewed from the West, the

demand for consultancy services comes from companies seeking advice on how to break into the newly liberated East European markets and establish joint ventures there.

Ernst & Young, the former Ernst & Whinney partnership which merged with Arthur Young, went into partnership itself last year with a Soviet maoagement consultancy, Voeshconsult, to produce an offspring called Vneshaudit, the first Soviet-Western accounting firm.

Alexandre Roubtsov, direc-tor-general of Vneshconsult, is convinced that creating a network of management consultancies across the Soviet Union is crucial to the success of Mikhail Gorbachov's re-

He says: "There is a particular need for people who grasp the workings of the Soviet economy as well as Western business techniques." Ernst & desired by Mr Roubtsov, both Hungarian-Western accounting the Soviet Union and ing and consulting firm

joint ventures, again settting gary's first management-em-an example itself with the ployee buyout, the purchase establishment of Ernst &



Wheels of change: the West is being increasingly sought by Eastern Europe to provide management advice for perestroika

It has focused oo East-West midwife at the birth of Hunforces with Coopers & Lybrand in West Germany ployee buyout, the purchase and Austria to set up a by a Western-backed syn- Hungarian firm in Budapest.

This is a joint venture with office in Budapest. Vicky Hungary's largest commercial bank, providing audit services and tax and consultancy

Last summer KPMG Peat Marwick entered the busy Hungarian scene, opening an

KPMG, says the firm is oegotiating with the Hungarians, helping to find joint-

private funds in the West. In January, at a meeting

organized jointly by the Adam Smith Institute and the British Couocil in Budapest, KPMG executives discussed priva- system. tization schemes with plan-ning ministers and political

party leaders. "Since then," she says, "a

been issued to the firm by

Hungarian joint stock com-panies of hybrid private-

certain laws on property rights and an antiquated accounting

.KPMG is, nevertheless, advising the Polish Government oo privatization, with the help of the Adam Smith Iostitule oumber of invitations have and the financial help of the British Government's knowhow fund.

Three members of the Pol-

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oublic sector status whose

ownership is in dispute." She says until the dispute is settled, the uncertainty is "a minus in potentially discouraging foreign investors from accepting contracts, which could have nbvious adverse

effects on consultancy work". Privatization is on the genda in Poland, where a plenipotentiary for ownership change", or privatization minister, has been appointed. Several practical problems, however, remain to be overcome on the way. Privat-

commercial legal system.

In Poland and other East European countries, British companies have a traditional advantage over the West German competition, but in East Germany the opposite applies.

underwent training at KPMG's London offices, based on British experience of

KPMG is starting to work in East Germany, however. It is collaborating with one of the big West German banks, on providing strategic advice ization is not easy without a for companies considering the stock exchange or a real acquisitioo of interests in East

Why people are at the top of the problems list

eople problems head the list of worries for British chief executives in the Nineties, according to a recent survey by the Management Coosoltancies' Association.

The problems of recruiting and keeping the right personnel are creating most anxiety in public-sector organizations and io retailing and distribution.

The maio concern in virtually all sectors is that the supply of skilled and qualified staff will oot keep pace with

Many consultants view this keep high-calibre staff, ineffective organization and deployment of staff management resources, and confusion arising from inadequate job definitioo and unclear objectives. Consultants are depressed by a recent MORI survey, Bluepriot for Success,

which found that most British companies still believe they can solve staff problems by offering higher salaries to attract and retaio staff rather than by providing adequate in-house training.

However, there are some areas of enlightenment. Bob larly, management consul-Simm, a human resources tants generally find that the specialist and partner in KPMG Peat Marwick, says Marks & Spencer, Ford, IBM and some accounting firms show unusual flair and imaginatioo in their approach to training and management development.

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A new outlook on staff management is dawning among British business

- and results are already being seen in the boardrooms

greater sophistication of clients, and the fact that more people with specialist training are reaching boardroom level.

The Government is doing as the essence of the challenge its bit to help smaller comfor staff management special-ists. Typical of the problems panies — those employing fewer than 500 staff — which faced by management are need, but cannot afford to failure to attract, select, or hire, consultants' services. The Business Growth Training scheme seeks to improve staff training and management in smaller businesses.

But what of the consultants themselves? Many find fulfilment as analyst and adviser to client companies. But for others consultancy is a career move leading to a top job in active management.

Coosultancy training and experience are seen as a good background for a manager giving him or her a detached perspective and an objective approach to problems. Simimore on-the-job experience a consultant has, the more practical and realistic they are likely to be as an analyst.

But oot everyone has such ao optimistic view. Academic ability and some problemsolving experience do oot oecessarily make a good manager, says Anthony Hapgood, a director of Tootal and formerly of the Boston Consulting Group. "The average consultant who has at making decisions," he says.

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m the criminal justice system, the Deputy Leader of the Labour Party, Roy Hatenge to the Bar. More black judges and black magistrates were nceded, he said. Changes had to be made in the choice and training of magistrates and judges to enable them to understand the problems of the ethnic

The Bar would be obliged to bring forward positive proposals to encourage more people from the black and Asian minorities to seek a career within the legal profession. He was determined to

open up the profession. What he said has long been of concern to the Bar Council. We are doing a lot already to meet Mr Hattersley's coocerns. But we cannot soive these problems without help from others.

What are we doing already? The Bar accepts that black barristers are subject to racial discrimination both from inside and, more significantly, from outside the Bar. It is determined to fight this evil. It has pressed the Government to change the law in order to ban discrimination against barristers

It has a strong race-relations committee, chaired by a High Court judge, which reports monthly to a main committee of LEGAL BRIEF

The Bar is seeking to end the racism faced by black barristers from within

and outside the profession. Peter Cresswell, QC, reports

the Bar Council. It has entrenched in its rules of conduct a ban on racial discrimination. It also insists on the observance of a Code of Good Practice in the treatment of pupils and tenants and the distribution of work.

Much, too, is happening on the ground. Our recent ethnic minority survey showed 6 per cent of. barristers in independent practice and 12 per cent of all pupils are black. Probably 9 per cent of such barristers under five years' call are black. There are five black

In 1984 black barristers were identified in only 48 sets of chambers. The figure is now nearer 180 and is growing fast. Able black barristers are now coming to the Bar and are finding places in first-class sets of chambers.

The Bar shares the Lord Chan-eellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern's, optimism about the number of good quality black candidates for future judicial office who are now just below the age when they could be considered for appointment as assistant The picture as a whole is not so encouraging. More than half of all

black barristers practise from a few sets of London chambers. There is a critical need to break down the isolation undoubtedly felt by barristers in those sets. I have visited four such sets recently, and their members talked frankly about the difficulties they faced. As a rule, white firms of solicitors do not send work to them, however well-equipped they may be to understand and

The record of government institutions (the Crown Prosecution Service, the Home Office for immigration cases and the Customs and Excise for drug prosecutions) in briefing barristers from those sets is patchy.

serve the interests of the firm's

Paradoxically, these barristers often have a valuable understanding of the language and customs of defendants from their own ethnic background, in addition to experience in appearing

against the Crown in such cases. These assets, however, go unrecognized.

Also unrecognized is the need to give such barristers work to equip them for future roles as immigration adjudicators, tribunal chairmen or recorders, for which they are ideally suited if British justice for ethnic minorities is to be seen to be fair.

Unequal opportunity at the start becomes more unequal if barristers do not receive work they are qualified to do because of the colour of their skin.

ast month, a party was held in Middle Temple Hall for barristers from these sets. This month, a number of these sets will be "twinned" with criminal and common law sets in a determined effort to build bridges of understanding between different sections of the Bar and to provide help to sets which are badly underfunded.

The Bar is anxious to pass back to the educational world the message that it cannot combat



Black judges needed: Hattersley

inequality of opportunity by itself. Mr Justice Brooke, the chairman of our race-relations committee, has held meetings with representatives of more than 30 sets of London chambers. From these meetings he has learned that there is great good will to accommodate black barristers of sufficient ability in chambers across the Bar.

All too often, however, black students arrive at the Inns of Court School of Law ignorant of solved without money.
the Bar and its ways, and of the Hattersley attacks the



There is good will: Justice Brooke need to take rapid, well-informed

action to seek pupillages.
The Bar's popular "mini-pupil" arrangements, where sludents spend a week or two in chambers during vacation, seems little known outside Oxbridge and London universities. Some students, moreover, seem to be getting thoroughly bad advice from law tutors and careers advisers.

None of these problems can be

because he says it is difficult in enter the profession without reasonable financial resources. Between 1964 and 1979, Lah. our governments did nothing

about the continuing scandal than Bar students receive maintenance and tuition grants from Local Education Authorities, which depend not on ability or aptitude but on where they live. The Bar's difficulty is well

known. It is a profession of individuals. For two years after graduation a barrister is of link economic value to anyone. There can be no charge for his services until he can represent clients And he often does not stay in the chambers where he was trained.

The Bar Council is determined to increase the growing number of chambers pupillage awards. If this important policy succeeds, it will help the Inns of Court to divert more of its funds to help Bar students at the School of Law.

But I am fearful that unless money is made available from the Government, or from others who understand as well as we do the importance of the issues raised by Mr Hamersley, there is not likely to be enough financial help to go around to help all the black students with potential talent as advocates who LEA refuses to support at our School of Law.

• The author is chairman of the Bar

Queen's Bench Division

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Court of Appeal

Sale from unofficial stall not in market overt

Long v Jones and Another Before Mr Justice Waterhouse [Judgment February 16] A sale in a private market held oo property adjacent to a prop-erly constituted market was not in "market overt" and therefore

title did oot pass to the

Mr Justice Waterhouse so held in the Queen's Bench Division when giving judgment in favour of Mr Norman Long. the plaintiff, in his action against Mr Alan Jones, the first defendant, and Mr Albert Skinner, the second defeodant, for possession of a painting alleged to have been stolen from his

Section 22 of the Sale of Goods Act 1893 provides: "(1) When goods are sold in market overt, according to the usage of the market, the buyer acquires a good title to the goods, provided he buys them in good faith and without notice of any defect or it from the owner.

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want of title on the part of the seller."

Mr Timothy Higginson for Mr Long, Mr Richard Scannell for Mr Jones; Mr Skinner did not appear and was not represented.

JUSTICE WATERHOUSE said that a painting, "A Portrait of a Gentleman" attributed to John

Brewster and paioted to Philadelphia in 1819, was held by Christie's, there being a dispute as to its ownership.

It had been bought by Mr Long from an antique dealer in Harrogate for £240, in 1982 and had disappeared in October 1985 from his business premises where it had hung as a

Mr Skinner ran a stall on a disused garage forecourt adjacent to the Bermondsey and New Caledonia market but rented by him on a casual basis

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He had bought the painting in good faith from a Mr Little for about £140. Mr Little, however, had no otle to the painting and passed none to Mr Skinner.

Mr Jones visited the market and bought the painting for £180, then putting it up for sale

It was claimed that good title had passed to him under the Sale of Goods Act 1979 on the basis that although the stall was oot within the statutory market (there being limited circumstances under which a market could be extablished) the sale had been in market overt since the site was one on to which the Bermondsey market had spilled

during the last ten years. Mr Jones had said it was extremely difficult to see where the regular market ended. However, his Lordship was satisfied that Mr Skinner knew that his part was a private market, albeit endorsed by the council. His Lordship rejected Mr

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Scannell's submission that it was a market overt because trading from that position bore none of the hallmarks of the terms of the Sale of Goods Act

It had not been established by statute and the only way that the court could be convinced that it was a market established by prescription or long modern usage was if it had been open and public and legally con-stituted, as described in *Lee v Bayes* ((1856) 18 CB 599) by Chief Justice Jervis.

The Court of Appeal, notably Mr Jostice Single100, in Bishopsgate Motor Finance Corporation Ltd v Transport Brakes Ltd ([1949] 1 KB 322, 337) provided high authority for the proposition in Chitty on Contracts (76th edition (1989) Contracts (26th edition (1989) paragraph 4815).

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age and the fact that it must be shown to have been established in one of the ways recognized by law - that is, by charter, by statute, by long cootinual user, either immemorial user or by prescription or by the principle

of lost modern grant.

All that had been shown in the demise of a petrol station, there had developed for a period of eight to ten years a form of private outlet which was owned and run by someone with whom the second defendant had oo rect contact and had none of the requirements of association with an established market run by the local council.

Therefore, Mr Jones had failed to establish a sale io market overt and no title had passed and by purchasing and dealing with the picture he had been guilty of the tort of conversion.

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Employee prone to injury cannot sue employer

Whitfield v H. & R. Johnson (Tiles) Ltd

Before Lord Justice Purchas, Lord Justice Beldam and Sir Roger Ormrod

[Judgment March 2]

The mischief at which section 72 of the Factories Act 1961 was aimed was to prevent an em-ployer from employing a person to lift or move a load of such excessive weight that it was likely to cause injury to the

The likelihood of injury was to be assessed with regard to whether the weight of the load was appropriate to the sex, build, physique, or other obphysique, or other ob-ployee in question, and not to any individual, weakness or predisposition of his.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by the plaintiff, Susan Jane Whitfield, from a decision of Mr Justice Hobbouse dated March 1, 1989 whereby he gave judgment for the defendants, H. & R. Johnson

The plaintiff, aged 36, who uitered from a congenital weak ness of the spine was employed in the sorting and packing of tiles in the defendants' factory. The defendants neither knew nor had any reason to suspect the plaintiff's weakness.

The work of sorting and packing was dooe by teams of five workers, one of whom was allocated the task of unloading the tiles from a trolley oo to a

cooveyor belt.

The plaintiff, who had been employed for 11 years, was unloading tiles on to the conveyor belt when she suffered a back injury. She sued the defen-dants for, inter alia, breach of

statutory duty. Section 72 of the 1961 Act, as amended by the Factories Act 1961 etc (Repeals and Modifica-tions) Regulations (SI 1941 No 1974) provides: "A persoo shall not be employed to lift, carry or move any load so heavy as 10 be likely to cause injury to him." Mr Nicholas Worsley for the plaintiff Mr Roger Giles for the

LORD JUSTICE BELDAM said that the plaintiff's case was that the defendants were in breach of duty under section 72 because they required her to move or lift a load which was so heavy as to be likely to cause her

injury.

The judge found that the congenital condition of the plaintiff's back made her specially vulnerable to injury. He described the condition as being

one in which almost any in-cident of everyday life might trigger the osteo-arthritis that sooner or later she was going to

suffer in any event. Those findings, iodicative of the degree to which the plaintiff's back was susceptible to injury, were of considerable significance to the question whether or not there was a

breach of section 72. The plaintiff argued that on the basis of the judge's findings he should have found that there was a breach of section 72; that she was employed to lift and move tiles and viewing the matter objectively it was likely

that with her condition she would sustain injury.

Accordingly, on the interpretation of the words "likely to cause injury to him" in the judgment in Bailey v Rolls Royce (1971) Ltd [1984] ICR 688), it was immaterial that the defendants were unaware of the weakness in the plaiotiff's back which made her particularly susceptible to injury.

The plaintiff's second argument was founded on the observations made in Bailey, in particular on the emphasis placed by the court on the use of the words "to him" at the end of section 72. They undoubtedly led the judge in the present case to his conclusion that "the defendants for the purposes of the statutory duty must take the plaintiff as she is".

The difficulty caused by the observations in Bailey, that the likelihood of injury had to be assessed having regard to any individual weakness or predisposition of the employee, was that the more severe the inherent and latent weakness, the more likely it was that any risk

in lifting or moving any load would cause injury to him.

On the hypothetical case referred to by Lord Justice Slade in Bailey, and on the facts of the present case, the likelihood of injury did not arise from the weight of the load at all. Lifting or moving an object of virtually any weight would have been likely to cause injury to the plaintiff sooner or later.

So it was said that that because of the use of the words "to him", the occupier of a factory or an employer would be in breach of section 72 if be employed a person on work which involved lifting even the lightest of loads if, for example, the employee suffered from an unsuspected aneurism and the strain of lifting caused it to

without any risk of injury but on the following Monday, the to a strain sustained by him over the weekend which diminished his ability to withstand the strain imposed by lifting, the same load could, on that hypothesis. be said to be likely to cause injury 10 the employee.

His Lordship was unable to agree that Parliament, by adding those two words, intended so unreasonable or unlikely a re-sult. Full meaning could be given to those words read in the context of the section as s whole by holding that they were in-tended to ensure that the weight of the load was appropriate to the sex, build and physique of other obvious characteristic of

the employee in question. To construe the section in that way did not detract from the strict nature of the prohibition against employing per-sons to lift loads which were so heavy thay they were likely to cause injury. Nor did it deput from an objective standard.

Once it was shown that the weight of the load he was employed to lift was likely to cause injury to the particular employee, having regard to his obvious characteristics, a breach would be established.

in short, it seemed clear from the language of the section that the mischief at which it was aimed was employing persons to lift or move objects of excessive weight, or putting it another way, that the likelihood of injury to the employee had to arise from his being employed to lift an object of a weight which in all the circumstances, includ-ing the nature of the object, the grip he could take of it, the foothold he had, the space available and all the other relevant circumstances

excessive for him. There was support for that approach in the full transcript of the judgment of the Court of Appeal in Kinsella v Harris (CA Transcript No 327 of 1963). The short report io ([1963] 108 SJ 14) did not mention that aspect of the judgments. In so far as the views expressed in the transcrip differed from those expressed in Bailey, his Lordship preferred

On the judge's finding of fact in the present case the only view to which the court could come was that oo breach of section ?2 had been proved.

Lord Justice Purchas and Sir Roger Ormrod delivered concurring judgments. So, too, an employee might be employed one week to lift a load Co, Dudley.

Jurisdiction to strike out notice of appeal

Burgess v Stafford Hotel Ltd Before Lord Justice Glidewell and Sir Denys Buckley [Judgment February 27]

Although the Rules of the Supreme Court did not make express provision for the striking out of a notice of appeal, the Court of Appeal had an inherent jurisdiction so to do. The power to strike out should, however, be utilised only in clear and obvious cases and an order should not made where any extensive inquiry into the facts was

The Court of Appeal so stated when awarding to Stafford Hotel Ltd the costs of its applicatioo to strike out the appellant's notice of appeal and dismissing by consent an appeal by Des-mond Burgess against an order made on October 30, 1989 by Judge Simpson at Westminster County Court, dismissing his application for a new tenancy of premises owned by Stafford

Mr Gavin Hamilton for the enant; Mr Jonathan Brock for the landiord.

LORD JUSTICE GLIDE-WELL said, with regard to the spplication for striking out, that there was no express provision in the Rules of the Supreme Court for striking out a notice of appeal.

In Aviagents Ltd v Beistravest Investments Ltd ([1966] 1 WLR 150) it was held that the Court of Appeal had inherent power to strike out an appeal where the appeal was elearly not competent. There the matter rested until

two recent unreported decisions of the Court of Appeal: Ghadami v Petticoat Lane Rentals Ltd (May 12, 1986) and Deerslade v Hilton International Hotels (UK) Ltd (June 16, 1989). a rehearing.

this appeal is frivolous, vexatious and an abuse of the process of the court. There is jurisdiction to strike out an appeal on been made.

"It may be that it is part of the inherent jurisdiction of the court, or else it is derived from Order 59, rule 10(1): 'In relation to an appeal the Court of Appeal shall have all the powers and shall have all the powers and duties as to amendment and should be confined to clear and otherwise of the High obvious cases and an order Court'...".

Turning to the instant appeal, his Lordship posed the question:
Should the court decide that it
would have been right to strike
out the appeal although it was
onose except in relation to
Costs?

The first and third grounds of appeal were bad on their fact.

Consideration of the second ground did not show that it was patently bad on its face. There that that matter had not been raised in the court below.

It could, therefore, only raised in the Court of Appeal as a matter of discretion and the court would not allow the potal to be argued since it would men

In the latter case Lord Justice
Staughton had said: "I turn then to the second and third poiots raised on this application, that

It was properly to be regarded as an abuse of the process of the court to seek to raise the manner on the instant appeal. It for the instant appeal is the property to be regarded. lowed that il was right that the application to strike out the

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Different ways to the world

Leading London partnerships are forging overseas links in an effort to broaden their financial options and guarantee reliable

service to clients, Edward Fennell writes

he simultaneous announcements that Nabarro Nathanson will formalize an arrangement with New York law firm Gotschal & Manges while Frere Cholmeley is to open an office in East Berlin illustrate the separate routes to internationalism being pursued by leading London partner-

Both firms believe, no doubt correctly, that what they are doing is right for them. But the paths they have chosen could hold no greater

difference in philosophy. More details will be available on Frere Cholmeley's move when its office opens later in the spring. But Nacarro Nathanson is frank in discussing the implications of its development with Weil, Gotschal, which is the eighth-largest firm in New York

This is the first time two major firms from London and New York have got together in such a close way," says Brian Clarke, the former managing partner of Nabarro Nathanson and a central figure in the negotiations.

In the past, firms wanted to maintain a free hand in their dealings with New York lawyers. We dealt with four or five firms. But we felt the time had come to change direction and that association was in the best interests of both our clients and our two firms."

Mr Clarke says the relationship between the two firms will continue to grow. But there will be a price to pay for the development. Referrals may cease from a number of contacts in a well-established network of firms across the United States. Negotiations with European outfits also had to be suspended while the arrangement was final-ized. Because Nabarro's profile has changed significantly, the negotiations will begin again or will be

dropped entirely.

"The possibility of an arrangement with Weil, Gotschal was so important that it had to take priority over other discussions," Mr Clarke says.



Apart from a brief period when Nabarro's had an office in Paris, the firm has had no ambition to have its own foreign outlets. Convinced that most overseas operations end up costing more than they earn, Mr Clarke believes the best route forward for a firm such as his is through close, mutually- supportive associations.

Nabarro is already in association with Raedler, Raupach in Munich and Frankfurt. Weil, Gotschal will now share that association. In effect,



what is emerging is a group of international firms which is much more explicit and tighter than the informal associations of the past.

This development is not too dissimilar from the situation in which leading national accountancy firms become part of worldwide associations while retaining their autonomy on a day-to-day basis.

"The strength of Weil, Gotschal and our importance to them guarantees our clients high-quality ser-vice in New York," Mr Clarke says.

"There's a lot of talk about the benefits of being able to pick and choose, but my suspicion is that you have to be very heavyweight indeed to get serious attention from New York lawyers. Our clients can be assured of the best service."

Nabarro and Weil Gotschal now plan to establish joint links with firms in the European Community and to begin talks in Eastern Europe. Only in Brussels might it be necessary to have the firm's own office because of the nature of work with the European Commission.

having costs will make such an investment easier for both firms, Mr Clark says. Only firms that specialise in shipping need global representation; for solid general commercial practice, like Nabarro's, a network of close relationships is more useful.

"We think we are setting a trend," Mr Clarke says. "A lot of US firms seem to be in a quandary about what to do about Europe. The expense of setting even a small office over here is a major deterrent, so I think a number of them will be looking to do similar deals to Weil, Gotschal and ourselves.

"But that's the fun of the law today. There are so many new things to do and so many ways of

oves to encourage people with a mental handicap to integrate into society and live as independently as possible have begun to highlight the inadequacies of the exisiting legal framework, according to Adrian Ward, a Scottish lawyer, whose book, The Power to Act, has just been published in response to an increase in demand for information on the legal status of mentally handicapped people. Ward describes the book as a response to the questions asked by parents of mentally handicapped adults. Scottish law and English law are broadly similar, and both are substantially contained in the Mental Health Act 1983. But according to Ward, this and the changes made in 1984 to restrict the powers of statutory guardians appointed under the Act do not provide a sufficiently adaptable scheme. He believes, for example, that the case involving the enforced sterilization of a mentally handicapped girl arose mainly because of this inflexibility because, though guardians have the power to provide a mentally handicapped person with access to medical treatment, they do not have power to consent to that treatment on their behalf. Ward has taken a test case before the Scottish Inner Court of the House of Sessions and persuaded it to revive the old common law procedure of "tutor dative" and to modernize it by using a checklist of powers contained in an Alberta statute. English lawyers have also worked on law reform, but have got only as far as producing draft legislation.

he American Bar Association meeting in Chicago this August may witness the staging of the legal professions's own version of the Gunfight at the OK Corral. On one side will be the Bar's 60-strong delegation, on the other the Law Society. To prevent a public squabble the Law Society recently met with Par representatives in our effective to prevent the stage of the sta met with Bar representatives in an attempt to negotiate an agreement to combine forces and present a common front. The offer was rejected. The Bar has still not recovered from events at offer was rejected. The Bar has still not recovered from events at a meeting of international bars in Barcelona two years ago. One UK solicitor gave a talk on the UK legal profession, but apparently forgot to mention the Bar. A furious member of the Bar Council grabbed the microphone and filled the gap and from that day he became actively involved in the Bar's campaign to sell its services overseas — where Bar rules allow barristers to have direct access to clients. The main batrleground has been the UK. US, where leading chambers have struck up associations with major US firms frustrated by the frosty reception their offers of alliance have received from leading UK law firms. The Law Society would do well to dispel any lingering illusion it may have that the two professions have any common cause, either in the UK or abroad. If the Bar continues its subtle victories in the House of Lords, the solicitors may well find that the commercial Bar, in particular, will have its cake an eat it, home and away.

he City of London Solictor Company Revels, held last evening and tonight at the Westminster Theatre are usually a happy affair. But this year a small note of dissension was heard among the revellers before the event. Herbert Smith had it in mind to perform a sketch based on the West Side Story plot, and like good lawyers they decided to check the copyright position first. Unfortunately, the UK copyright is dealt with by Nabarro Nathanson, which refused to grant permission. Those who attended the Revels last night may already know whether last-minute negotiations saved Herbert Smith's sketch from ruin.

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The negligence in litigation today

ages of £250,000 two weeks ago for the death of her husband in a road accident, which caused the family's decorating business, of which she was a director, to collapse. The settlement came four years after her former solicitor had advised her to cut her losses and accept an offer of

The Murphy case follows the 12year fight by the parents of Keith Blackburn, who had been severely brain-damaged in a medical accident. The Blackburns were also advised to settle for a low amount in their case £2,000. They rejected the advice and, through sheer persistence and after changing their solicitor three times, finally re-ceived £490,000.

After the Blackburn case there were calls for the setting up of a specialist panel of medical negligence litigators to which the public Des Wilson and Henry Witcomb suggest preventive measures

would have easy access. These calls were endorsed by the Lord Chan-cellor in the Green Paper. But identifying the actual mechanics of assessing and maintaining standards of competence has not proved

As the Murphy case shows, the problem is not confined to medical. negligence. Reg Talbot, the first director of Headway, a support group for people with head injuries, has several inquiries each week from people worried about advice they are receiving. He cites one instance in which a

16-year-old boy sustained severe head injuries after being knocked down on a pedestrian crossing. The boy was left permanently in a wheelchair, unable to feed himself, and with serious communication difficulties. His mother became so

worried about the lack of preparation for the case that, after eight years of negotiations, she insisted on changing solicitors five weeks before trial

Thom Osborne, a solicitor recommended by her local Headway group, is certain that a payment into court of £280,000 by the defendant would not have been beaten, given the state of the evidence at the time. The case was adjourned and within 11 weeks, Mr Osborne managed to settle it, at the door of the court, for £670,000.

The scale of the problem has been further highlighted by a study in the United States, where 40 practising lawyers were divided into pairs. Each was given an identical set of facts involving a personal injury claim and a dossier of awards in

They were instructed to prepare for two weeks and then negotiate an agreement. The resulting settlements ranged from \$15,000 to

Similarly in a UK context, Hazel Genn's study, "Hard Bargaining, Out of Court Settlement in Personal Injury Actions", provides disturbing reading. Based on interviews with lawyers and claims inspectors, it says: "Plaintiffs are a heteroge neous and inexperienced group of potential litigants. Defendants are a relatively homogeous group and are experienced specialists themselves. When defendants instruct solicitors their choice is based on knowledge of expertise. They can pay for experts and choose ... solicitors whom they believe to be specialist personal injury litigators.

"When plaintiffs instruct solic-

chance . . . unless it is a trade union case handled by a specialist union solicitor." The study concludes that there is an urgent need to improve "the access of unknowledgeable plaintiffs to solicitors who genuinely specialize in personal injury

Two things are clear. The problem is not going to go away and, equally, will not easily be solved. The reformed complaints procedure and the proposed legal ombudsman should go a long way to raising standards. But disciplinary sanctions imposed after the event are a poor substitute for preventive measures in the form of improved preand post-qualification training and panels of specialist medical negligence and personal injury practitioners The ball is in the profession's court.

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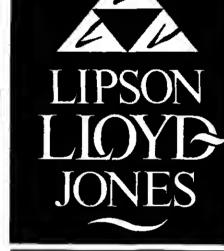
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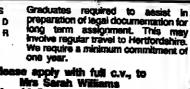
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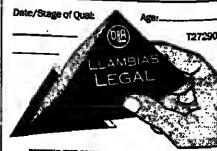
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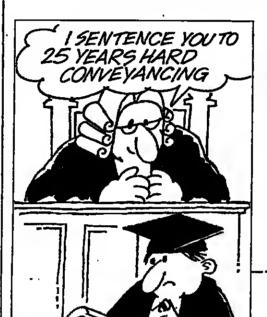
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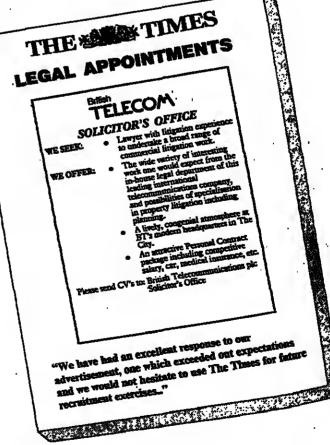












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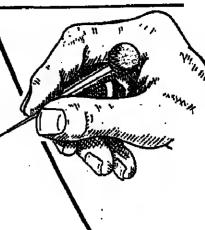
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To receive an information pack, and application form write to Mrs. Helen Walker, Director of Personnel County Hall, George Row, Northampton NINI 1DN or telephone 10604) 236593 (24 hour ansaphone service).



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HORIZONS

In the eye of the storm

he Meteorological Of-fice is about to open a new, multi-million pound Centre for Chmate Prediction and Research next to its head office in Brackvell, Berkshire. "We are planning for up to 100 years ahead; we've got to have facts to advise government about the greenhouse effect, the ozone layer, temperature rises - climate changes," said Colin Macey, a weather forecaster who now manages the personnel department.

He and his colleagues will interview graduates and more senior scientists who respond to recruitment advertisements. appearing in the national Press, to staff the new centre. They must have a career commitment to the vagaries of climate, studied through highly computerized, mathematical modelling and

scientific global monitoring.
A visit to headquarters in Bracknell, where nearly half of the total 2,000-strong workforce is employed is a revelation. In the hub of operations—the Central Forecasting Office—arrays of screens portray coloured images interpreting data from radar and satellites, from numerous observers, from ships and planes

One section, named Frontiers (Forecasting Rain Optimized Us-ing New Techniques of Inter-actively Enhanced Radar and Satellite Data) was being manned by Tony Burgess, who also looks after

"Last night," he says, "I warned Southwold on the east coast that

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Quick-thinking scientists make good meteorologists, Ann Hills writes

now employed in personnel.

This lively and colourful centre

is exciting and, though the staff

use measured terms, it is apparent

that many a forecaster began — as did Mr Macey — measuring rainfall, temperature and wind speed during childhood. The Met Office remains the prime source of

employment for weather forecast-

service college running courses,

itical boundaries. Increasingly, the implications of global pollution will dominate research in the

"Our research is very long-term, .

coming years.

tide and wind could generate a surge". In the event, it was a few inches below flood level.

and the state of the

There is a unit for airline pilots, who are provided with charts plotting fronts and wind speeds over flight paths. Former sea captains, including Captain Donald Hewitt - a sailor for 27 years who would "rather be here than at sea in a force 10" - provide forecasts for ships.

They combine their previous experience with skills mastered

Individual vessels, such as the Queen Elizabeth II, pay for updated forecasts for the duration of a voyage, usually across the Atlantic. Typically, this liner may recoup the one-off fee of £350 by avoiding gales.

The forecasting office is manned 24 hours a day, every day, backed by supercomputers which digest millions of items of information around the clock, building up pictures which enable weathermen to publish patterns for the following hour, day and and American studies. Overseas, week ahead. In the future this could be extended to 10 days as a international networks across polnew Cray supercomputer comes.

Reassuringly, human beings still draw and colour charts, using experience to enhance computerized calculations. "There is a human element at every stage, but

could work on which would allow such an opportunity to pursue original research," says James Murphy, 31, who has a first-class degree in physics from Manchester University. no use for little foibles," says Kim Turner, a 31-year-old forecaster

He will be a key member for the new centre for climatic prediciton, where he imagines he could progress "for 30 years without being bored". Mr Murphy, who joined the Met in 1981, has already made his mark in developing extra accuracy in using numerical modelling to interpret computerized forecasts.

The Met Office staff want to be seen as professional, accountable ers. With an annual budget nudgand available to the public, but ing £90 million, this national service can afford pioneering computerization. It has its own inwhile a few become television personalities, most remain anonymous civil servants, working 42 hours a week, starting on salaries of £10,000-£11,000, rising to from one day to five months long.
(also taking in fee-paying foreign students). It has a library, archive above £50,000 for the director seneral. Many work shifts. In Bracknell and in more than a bove the ground, the Met Office flies a dozen regional centres (the most recently opened of them in Hereules transport Aberdeen), these dedicated sciplane, nicknamed "Snoopy", which was recently deployed investigating ozone layers over the Arctic, entists discover their rates of successful forecasting within hours. A "good day" to them is a day well predicted, even if the sun combined with other European

is not shining.
"It's quite flattering that people complain when we get the weather forecast wrong. Several years ago they did not expect it to be right," says BBC Television's forecaster/ enter Suzanne Charlton. Miss Charlton, 27-year-old daughter of footballer Bobby Charlton, devery important and complex. I cided that meteorology would be can't imagine any other problem I her career in her early teens. She

Weather eye: Tony Burgess operates Frontiers, a computer rain-forecasting system using radar and satellites

read physics and meteorology at Reading University, after which she joined the Met Office as a support scientist at Bracknell, with additional responsibilities for the

computer at Heathrow Airport. "A circular went around asking if anyone was interested in TV work, and I told my boss I'd like to get my name on file." That led to career advances as a forecaster and part-time training for television, with her first broadcast in March 1989, as one of a team of six. Most of the time she is working

and researching on her own, preparing right up to the last minute, with the actual presenta-tion live, without notes. "If necessary, as time runs out, I can summarize the weather in four or five words". That, she adds, could not be done by anyone without professional knowledge. Just before one of the winter gales she had to present the forecast on the European Superchannel, without as much information as was available for Britain. "I said it

would be dangerous to be out. I

was right. Sadly, people died on the Continent"

Miss Charlton is about to take time off from television while she undertakes an advanced course. She'll be back on the screens in the summer, glad to have a challenge "to get my teeth into, using the wonderful graphics now

• For further information: Kim Turner, Recruitment Section, Room 612, Meteorological Office, London Road, Bracknell, Berks RG12 2SZ. 0344 856034

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Closing date for applications is 31 March

careful before granting such future competitions to embarrassed senior British officials said that inquiries would be held into the howlers which blighted the 21st European indoor championships at the Kelvin Hall, Glasgow, at the week-

The championships did not go smoothly and there is no doubt there were mistakes on our side," Bob Greenoak, the secretary of the Scottish Amateur Athletic Association and the local organizing group's meeting manager, said. "I can't understand why these things should have happened because all our officials were experienced. I am going to call a meeting to try to resolve it. This sort of thing has never happened in all the time I have been in athletics and it's happened at the most important meeting I have been involved in. It's depres-

The howlers included the incorrect positioning of hur-

BASKETBALL

Tall order

for title

chasers

By Nicholas Harling

A match that might have been

regarded almost with disdain by Sunderland in their pursuit of the Carlsberg League title has suddenly been turned into one

of far more serious proportions by the loss of two of their key

In normal circumstances the visit to Solent on Saturday

would have been one that

Sunderland would have taken in

Vaughan, who is injured, has joined Scott Wilke, out through

suspension, on the sidelines, Sunderland may find that their

work is cut out against oppo-nents who do not lack height.

Wilke, who is 6ft 9in, serves a

one-match ban following his dismissal at Kingston last month. Vaughan, 6ft Sin, twisted an ankle in the 97-76

defeat of London Docklands on

Sunday so badly that he is

almost certain to miss the visit

to Derby tomorrow week and the potentially decisive home

the elub's two best rebounders but hopefully the other guys will

be able to see us through.
"This is terrible for me as it's

having an injury bad enough to

keep me out of two or three games in a row. It's also enme at

a bad time for the club with us

still having an outside chance of

postponements following the death last week of Tony Penny,

and Bracknell fast slipping out of contention, Sunderland have

emerged as the most serious

ehallengers to Kingston's leader-ship. Bracknell, who improved

on the previous week's 32-point home defeat by Sunderland in

Thursday's return, which they lost by only seven points, can

still have a significant say in the

title's destiny.
The Berkshire club has yet to

meet all three clubs above them, starting with tomorrow's visit to

kingston in the eighth meeting

between the clubs this season,

two of which Bracknell won on occasions when they were at

their unpredictable best. Kings-

ton, though, are not in the mood

to slip up again, as Moore (29 points) and Cunningham (27),

in particular, demonstrated dur-

ing Saturday's 99-77 victory at Leicester.

week reverse at Solent by win-ning the return 90-81, with Scott

the most relieved of victors. It was Scott's last-second offence

that enabled Solent to win the

first game, but his 33 points on

Saturday more than made up for

Derby avenged the 93-92 mid-

winning the league title." With Manchester facing a fixture backlog in the wake of

their stride. But now that Clyde

European Athletic Associ-ation (EAA) warned yesterday simultaneous starting of the that the body "would be very men's 3,000 metres final and the East German national anthem saluting Jens-Peter Herold's win in the 1,500 metres, and the publication of wrongly drawn heats.

> Tony Ward, the spokesman for the British Amateur Athletic Board, the host body with overall responsibility, said:

had a post-meeting analysis yet but clearly that will happen. A number of things went wrong and we accept that mistakes were made. We have to analyse what they were and why they occurred. Some of us the body to which the bid was at the board are embarrassed. There was a distinct lack of experience in certain quar-

Ward added that he did not to what happened as being "in sharp contrast to the highly successful staging of the European Cup in Gateshead last year". However, Pierre Das- European indoors."

As a leading officer of the dles, which forced a women's main, the EAA secretary, said: "I think the EAA council would be very careful before granting such future competitions to Britain." In recognizing that the

weekend's championships

"had not been one of the best organized", he put forward a personal view of why. "The Kelvin Hall is not a top-class stadium and it was not easy to run the championships in this area. I had the feeling that the "We are very concerned at competition was not in the full what happened. We have not control of the British board. And the third point is that perhaps there was not the [computer] technical expertise which is normal for inter-

national competition."

While the British board is granted by the EAA, Glasgow City Council, which invested £750,000 in upgrading facilities, acted as organizers. The council spokesman, David expect the mistakes to jeop- Bell, said that it would not be ardize Britain's efforts to stage imporant championships in the future, drawing attention distract as many major international meetings as possible. It would not be beyond our hopes that we can make a serious bid again for the

Having turned professional in the United States and won his

first fight there, Eubank knows how to land solid goals, and does. His last six victories have

been stoppages. Among these victims were Denys Cronin, of

Wales, the former ABA cham-pion, and Johnny Melfah.

Impatient punters find

Eubank's antics pointless, but he is in fact an interesting and

constructive boxer who sets up his men before setting about

and a good defcoce and believes

he can beat any middleweight in

Britain except Graham, Men like Nigel Benn would have to

be brought forcibly, kicking and struggling, to face Eubank.

Corti, aged 26, will not be as easy to dispose of as Eubank's

last six victims. He is a good

m, Eubank has a sound chin

BOXING

Eubank plotting another set-up

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

Hugo Corti, of Argentina, could his opponent to see if he is alive. Hugo Corti, of Argentina, could be in for a shock. It all depends on how well he has done his homework. For tonight he meets Chris Eubank, of Brigh-ton, for the World Boxing Council International middle-weight the at York Hall, Bethnal Green, London.

Eubank is the most cothusiastic member of the "Who needs him society" as Mickey Duff, the promoter, would put it. To put it more kindly, Eubank is one of the most unusual boxers in Britain.

Though a member of the "more than useful" Eubank boxing family — Peter being the only British boxer to have floored Barry McGuigan — Chris is very much of the Herol Graham school of the years Graham school of boxing, where the aim is to hit and not be hit. Chris was even reported re-cently as saying that he wants to get out of this "barbarous sport as soon as possible".

boxer. As an amateur he was Argentinian and South American champion and boxed in the Los Angeles Olympics. He has But he is not a Johnny been defeated only once in 20 Nelson. He does not just poke at contests as a professional.

ICE HOCKEY

game with Kingston the following Sunday. Without me and Scott, that's without me and Scott, that's noints gone, League record is next target for champions

By Norman de Mesquita

Heineken League premier di-vision title in the grand manner on Sunday. They led Peter-berough Pirates 5-0 after only 16 minutes and went on to win hy the handsome margin of 14-7, thus achieving their fourteenth successive victory, which equals the divisional record presently held by Murrayfield

The Racers are in a position to prevent that record being broken as they face the Devils in Cardiff a week on Friday in this month's televised game.

There was a hizarre ending to

the Cardiff victory when the visiting goaltender, Chris Newton, who was with the Devils for ton, who was with the Devils for the first part of this season before rejoining the Pirates, stood aside and invited Steve Moria to score his side's 14th

Moria ohliged, Newton was

Cardiff Devils secured their first and the Pirates informed him Heineken League premier di-

Another goaltender whose behaviour was less than impeccable was Russ Jackson, of Lee Valley Lions. During the final period of Sunday's home division one defeat by Swindon Wildcats, he seemed more intent on assaulting one of his team colleagues than preventing the Wildcats from scoring. Jackson even continued the

feud as the teams were leaving the ice at the end of the game and had to be restrained by his captain, Steve James, and former team manager. Terry

HEINEKEN LEAGUE RESULTS: Premier division: Ayr 5, Durham 8; Fife 6, Nothingham 4; Peterborough 5, Solitul 7; Cardiff 14, Peterborough 7: Murrayfied 15, Ayr 3; Whitely 4, Durham 17. First division: Slough 6, Clevetand 8: Swindon 10, Medwey 9: Telford 12, Streathem 2: Clevetand 8, Humberside 5; Lee Valley 6, Swindon 10; Medwey 3, Slough 5; Trafford 13, Telford 9.

Cambridge outplayed

Oxford University gained a crushing victory in the 71st University match at Oxford on Saturday. disposing of Cambridge's lightweight challenge by 18 goals to one to gain their 48th punchered a further seven unansure in the series (a Special Speci win in the series (a Special Correspondent writes).

Cambridge had their moment of glory in the second period n Jamie Stewart fired ho But it proved a brief respite as

in the third period as Oxford plundered a further seven unan-swered goals to leave Cambridge a thoroughly beaten side.

SCORERS: Oxford University: Fach (4), Kind (4), Leblanc (2), Brown, Markovich, Clark, Bohunacky, Allan, Roberts, Mulr, Lefourneau, Cambridge University:

for vital encounter

Desmond Douglas, hrought back by England at the age of 34 after a two-year absence to conjure two victories in the 4-3 win over Czechoslovakia last month will turn out for his country again tonight, against West Germany in a vital match

at Bexleyheath. The former European Top 12 champion has agreed to lend a hand as England strive for the win that will keep them in the

super division.

England almost certainly have to win to stay up. Unfortunately the visitors have a chance of winning the title and will not be pulling their punches. If, as expected, England don't quite water their punches it, then they will have to the stay up. Unfortunately the visitors have a chance of winning the title and will not be pulling their punches. If, as expected, England don't quite water they will have to the stay of make it, then they will have to rely on Sweden losing to

TEAMS: England: C Prean, A Cooke, O Douglas, S Andraw, A Gordon, L Lomas. West Germany (probable): J Rosskopl, S Fetzner, O Names, N Struss.

GOLF: THE GREAT WHITE SHARK SWALLOWS UP THE BLUE MONSTER



Norman's year of the eagle From John Ballantine

Greg Norman may have the last Greg Norman may have the last laugh on Americans who have called him a superstar with feet of clay. The Australian, after winning the Doral Ryder Open in the most dramatic finish of the season, probably has built up the confidence to have the great year on the US tour that was predicted for him when he injured it in 1983

in eight seasons he has won eight tournaments but no major titles. He has failed narrowly several times, notably at the 1984 US Open, where he lost a play-off to Fuzzy Zoeller, and at the 1987 Masters, in which Larry Mize holed a long chip to beet him coming a play-off

beat him again in a play-off.

But perhaps only Jack
Nicklans in his heyday could
have equalled the Great White
Shark's achievements on Sunday here on the 6,939-yard
"Blue Monster" course.

Second strekes behind the Seven strokes behind the leaders, Paul Azinger and Fred Couples, at the start, Norman

broke the course record with a 62, which included eight birdies and an eagle three at the 528-yard eighth, where he holed a pitch of 100 yards over the lake. He then had an bour's wait. Mark Calcavecchia and Azinger had chances to win at the 18th but the Open champion pushed

but the Open champion pushed his drive into trees while Azinger's six-iron approach feil short and he failed to hole the eventual six-footer for par.

Tim Simpson's 66 made it a four-man play-off, which Norman won in by chipping in from 30 feet for his second eagle of the day at the \$14-and fort hole. day at the 514-yard first hole.

FINAL SCORES (US unless stated): 273:
G Normen (Aus), 56, 73, 70, 62 (won playoff on first sudden death hole); M
Calcavechia, 68, 67, 73, 66; T Simpson,
70, 71, 58, 66; P Azinger, 68, 68, 70, 69,
275: T Purtzer, 67, 70, 70, 68; M Red, 67,
72, 66, 70, 276: F Couples, 67, 67, 70, 72,
277: P Jacobsen 68, 72, 72, 65; D Edwards, 69, 75, 68, 65; W Grady (Aus),
69, 71, 71 65; K Green, 63, 71, 70, 68, 280;
J Adams, 68, 74, 73, 65; a Crenshaw, 67,
76, 70, 67; B Lietzke, 73, 72, 88, 67; G
Morgan, 68, 74, 69, 69. day at the 514-yard first hole.

By Craig Lord

Simon Mugglestone, of Oxford

University, the former European junior champion at 5,000 metres, has his sights set on the

World Studeots cross-country championship title after taking

his team to a comfortable victory in the 4 x 1,500 metres

relay in the Norwich Union Varsity Games. His effort helped Oxford to

their first overall win since 1984. They took the Norwich Union trophy by 13½ points to

strongly across the Iffley Road track, Mugglestone, a student of geography at Hertford College, maintained a steady pace to cover the anchor leg in 3min

53sec.
Mugglestone, who praised the standard of the newly resurfaced

FOOTBALL

Bournemouth v Oxford Utd (7.45)...

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Third division

Cambridge's 81/2.

7.30 unless stated

Barclays League Second division

Woosnam will no longer be dining on beans and crisps

Ian Woosnam had little cause to complain as he shook off the effects of a gruelling eight-hour overland, overnight journey from the Costa del Sol to Madrid. As the inaugural win-ner of the Mediterranean Open, be was returning home to Oswestry £66,660 richer than when he left it. You could almost hear his bank manager

almost hear his bank manager chirping: "That should do nicely, Mr Woosnam." Eight years ago the same bank manager would have questioned giving Woosnam a small loan, let alone allowing him loose with a Gold Card. For the Welshman was on the breadline, surviving, by his own ad-mission, on a diet of beans and crisps. He has neither forgotten

that nor his roots.

It was quite like the old days as, with other Ryder Cup players, be had to take a coach, hastily hired because Gibraltar airport was shut. Woosnam spent his formative years on the European tour, travelling from venue to venue in a van which doubled as his hotel. Consequently, he has discovered that being 5ft 41/2 tall has its

Yesterday, back home in Oswestry, Woosnam set about arranging his week's pro-gramme. It will include three or four games of golf on local

courses with friends with whom he grew up. The man who in 1987 made n million in prizemoney alone will play for stakes unchanged by his success.

"It will be £1 for the front nine, £1 for the back nine and £1 for the match," Woosnam said.

"They make me play off plus four now but nothing else has changed. I'm treated no differently than I was when I was windblown St Andrews being a suitable setting for him to win the Open, there is every reason to believe that at Augusta he

ferently than I was when I was working behind the bar at the golf club to earn my keep so that I could use the practice facilities. It's refreshing, relaxing that it chould call be that way? should still be that way."
It is therapeutic in more ways

than one. Woosnam has lost only once to his amateur chums but the exercise of giving single-figure golfers seven or eight shots is enough to examine his competitive spirit.
"I had three months off in the

winter which I needed because mentally I was zapped after several years of almost non-stop golfing and travelling," Woosnam said. "It did me the world of good. But I still played a lot of golf with my mates, so my game wasn't too rusty when I came out here. Still, it's great to win first time ont; I've never done that before." Neither has Woosnam won a

major championship. Sandy Lyle and Nick Faldo have and,

could continue a trend initiated in 1988 by Lyle and continued last year by Faldo in returning home as the Master golfer. "I'd be nervous if the chance

"I'd be nervous if the chance came along but then again I get nervous every time I'm in contention," Woosnam explained. "You can play all the shots, be totally aggressive, be confident but still feel nervous. I did on Sunday. The fairway at the last can be n mile wide but whoo you stand on the tee with a whoo you stand on the tee with a tournament to be won it nar-rows beyond belief."

Woosnam has matured. There were times after his success in 1987 when I detected that he was in danger of losing his way by becoming preoccu-pied with the business of mak-ing money. In retrospect the farmer's son was achieving what we all seek - security and

He has that now and more. He has a wonderful family life. He has his friends. And he has a golf swing which even his peers must envy. I suspect he might land that major championship, if not by the end of this year, then by 1998 when, at the age of

Daniel takes lion's share again

Maui, Hawaii (Reuter) - Beth par 71s to finish at 284.

Daniel began the day two shots behind the third-round leader, Mitzi Edge, but her twounder-par round of 69 lifted her that I needed an eagle to tie Beth to victory with a one-under total of 283 at the Wailea Resort.

Davies and Jones scored eventhe green in two." Davies

and the running felt really comfortable. I'm going to the World Student championships

in Poland on April 1 to win -

Jo Latimer ran three anchor

less for Oxford, in the women's

4 x 400, 4 x 200 and 3 x 800

relays. In the latter race she came from well behind to pass Claire Lavers of Cambridge in

While Latimer's efforts

helped Oxford's women to a 4-1 victory, Mugglestone and his colleagues had to settle for

second, with three wins to

The fencing providing some of the tensest moments. In the men's match Oxford lost the sabre event by 8-1 but rallied in

the épées and foils and gained an

I'm sure I can do it."

the last 10 metres.

Cambridge's four.

in 11 years on the tour.

Given the long tradition of

sporting excellence at both

universities it was sad to see that two of the 13 events — swim-

ming and water polo - had to take place clsewhere because

neither university possesses

appropriate facilities.

Cambridge won the men's water polo match by 20 goals to six, but Oxford's women were

successful by 7-6. Honours also

finished even in the swimming.
The Cambridge men won by 50
pts to 40 while the Oxford
women won 44-36.

Andrew Bell, president of the Games said: "These have been

the most exciting Games for many a year. We now need a

new sponsor to ensure that they cominue to progress."
RESULTS

ATHLETICS RELAYS: More 4 x 100

VARSITY GAMES

Oxford end five-year losing sequence

track said: "I was in a position overall win by 16-11. The

chipped up to eight feet and holed the putt for a birdie and a share of second place.

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LEADING FINAL SCORIES (US unless stated): 283: E Daniel, 73, 75, 66, 69, 284: R Jones, 71, 73, 69, 71; L Davies (GB), 70, 71, 72, 71, 285: C Germin, 71, 71, 73, 79 M Edge, 88, 71, 73, 73, 286: D Richard, 73, 74, 70, 69, 287: L Neumann (Swe), 74, 72, 71, 70; C Keggl, 73, 72, 72, 70; V Fergon, 71, 74, 71, 71; C Figg-Currier, 70, 73, 73, 71, 288: S Little (SA), 78, 73, 70, 69; M Bozzartin, 74, 73, 72, 69, 289: V Skinner, 73, 75, 73, 69; S Erd, 78, 71, 71; T Johnson G69, 72, 74, 71, 72, 290: N Lopothson (G69, 72, 74, 71, 72, 290: N Lopot, 72, 74, 73, 71; P Hemmel, 73, 72, 74, 71; P Bradley, 71, 74, 72, 73; P Sheehan, 68, 76, 72, 74, Other British score: 296: A Nicholes, 71, 75, 80, 70.

metres: Oxford 459ec, Cembridge 44.7, 4 x 200: Oxford 459e. 4 x 600: Oxford 3.27.1. Cembridge 3:18.9, 4 x 600: Oxford 7:54.9. Cembridge 7:50.3, 4 x 1,500: Oxford 1:54.9. 15:58.7, Cembridge 16:25.5, 4 x 110 hardles: Oxford 1:08.9, Cembridge 1:99.1, 4 x 200 hardles: Oxford 1:57.0, Cembridge 1:51.7. Men's total: Oxford 3:38.5, Cembridge 5.35.5, 4 x 100: Oxford 5:38.5, Cembridge 5.35.5, 4 x 400: Oxford 5:38.5, Cembridge 5:90.4 x 400: Oxford 1:07.7, Cembridge 4:11.0, 4 x 200: Oxford 1:49.3, Cembridge 4:19.8, 3 x 600: Oxford 1:49.3, Cembridge 4:19.8, 3 x 600: Oxford 1:49.3, Cembridge 1:49.8, 3 x 600: Oxford 1:49.3, Cembridge 1:49.8, 3 x 600: Oxford 1:49.3, Cembridge 4:41.0, 4 x 200: Oxford 1:49.3, Cembridge 1:49.8, 3 x 600: Oxford 1:40.8, Cembridge 1:40.8, C

407.7, Cambridge 4.11.0. 4 x 400: Oxford 1.49.3. Cambridge 1.49.6. 3 x 800: Oxford 1.49.5. cambridge 1.49.6. 3 x 800: Oxford 1.708.7, Cambridge 7.08.8. Women's total: Oxford 4, Cambridge 7.08.8. Women's total: Oxford 4, Cambridge 80. Volleyball: Oxford 46, Cambridge 81. Women: Oxford 67, Cambridge 83. Kerste: Meri: Oxford 4. Cambridge 83. Kerste: Meri: Oxford 4. Cambridge 8. Fencing: Meri: Oxford 6. Cambridge 6. Fencing: Meri: Oxford 6. Cambridge 6. Fencing: Meri: Oxford 6. Cambridge 6. Korfbell: Oxford 9. Cambridge 5. Women: Oxford 8. Cambridge 6. Korfbell: Oxford 9. Cambridge 5. Women: Oxford 6. Cambridge 6. Fencing: Meri: Oxford 6. Cambridge 6. Fencing: Oxford 9. Cambridge 5. Women: Oxford 6. Cambridge 6. Swomen: Oxford 4. Cambridge 6. Swomen: Oxford 4. Cambridge 6. Swomen: Oxford 44. Cambridge 50. Women: Oxford 44. Cambridge 50. Women: Oxford 44. Cambridge 36. Oxford 13%, Cambridge 8%.

46, but Breasley, n fine one to. talk, thinks he is at least 50. No one could say the pair was short on experience.

The owner was David Seale, a white Bajan business man, His rather spleudid up-country spread includes beautifully de-signed loose boxes, a swimming pool for horses and n distillery. Seale owns a rival to Cockspur ESAF. Bajan rum drinkers say this stands for — but hush, make respectable newspaper.

Sandford Prince is a chunky a trainer: another Bajanism.

wants to party. It was o great noisy shoving crowd of men, women and children, most of them eating, drinking, smoking and shouting, all at the same time. The foothall gangs have spoiled much of Derby Day in England: perhaps the in-field at Garrison Savanah is what Derby Day was like in mood in the days Day was like in mood in the day

There was sentimental money bet on a locally-bred horse, a "creole". called Coo-Bird, and there was speculative money on a French-bred horse, called Vardar — but the horse was only three, and the jockey, Patrick Husband, only 16. No, the Prince was the one: Two in e row for the Prince. Nothing to touch him sink? him, right?

The crowd in the in-field picked vantage spots on the rails, the Cockspur Rum dancers—called, I promise you, the Cockettes—strutted their staff, the Prince paraded looking cool, and Vcoice Richards, looking as haggard as any jockey in the world, swung into the saddle. And they were off, around nine furlongs of n desperately tight track. The paddock bend is

search of a better view, a pure

no. Twenty-eight pounds lighter the three-year-old French horse. Vardar, was uncatchable, win-ning by half a length, at 4-1. Ab well. Win it back on the next well. Win it back on the near race, losing punters say every where. And, of course, the winners must party. Hashand said: "There will be n lot our drinks and I understand we will be having curried goat and that." As winners say Barbados.

Festival as the Prince is toppled



Bridgetown, Barbados Racing is the same everywhere in the world and everywhere in

the world it is atterly unique. A

race commentary is unmistak-ably a race commentary, no matter which language it is gabbled in. Winning and losing means the same thing to every nationality of punter, owner, trainer, jockey and bookmaker. A torn-up betting slip is worth the same in each hemisphere. But the universal language of

racing is always spoken with o strong local accent. The turstrong local accent. The tur-baned officials at Mysore, the figure-juggling wiseacres at Aqueduct, New York: the over-produced women at Long-champs. Paris: the casual pomposities of Ascot. England: the silent intensities of Happy Valley, Hong Kong — the racing impulse is expressed in different ways in every country where winners and losers exist.

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THE REPORT OF

I have been here in Barbados covering the hig race of the year: the Cockspur Rum Gold Cup. It was a tough assignment, but someone had to do it. And amid all the noise and confusion, the principle emotion came through joint and clear; joy. This was a good race and an even better party. This is, in short, one of the great events of the racing

The favourite, Sandford Prince, was trained by Scoble Breasley - yes, that one, the Australian who was four times champion jockey in England and who won the Derby twice. He who won the Derby twice. He now admits to being 76, but many insist he is still older. Riding his horse was Venice Richards, who admits to being



one up for yourself, this is a:

chestnut by Cap on Wood, e great butter of visitors to his box. He won the race in 1989 and was even money for a repeat. A worry about a pricked hoof from the farrier was making Scale tense: another racing universal. The farrier doubles as

There were four borses from ing Far Too Phar, owned by a Trinidadian, called Roland khan, or "The Aga" to Carib-bean cognoscenti. He won the race in 1988 with another borse, which stokes up the fire of interisland rivalry a treat.

This is Barbadon's Derby Day, and as Derby Day used to be, it is a free festival. The field is open for anyone who of the famous victorian general

tight track. The paddock band is a hairpin — oh no, did the Prince stumble? Along the back straight, the Prince was pushed into position, and around the last bend the field set sail for home. The waving whips and shining colours, a sight that can be seen anywhere in the world - the enthralled punters invading the track itself in mid-race, in

The Prince! The Prince! But

SEDGEFIELD

POOLS FORECAST by Vince Wright Seturday Merch 10 THIRD DIVISION

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West Ham v Portsmouth TREBLE CHANCE (home teams); Mart-

X Peterborough v Lincoln (Pools panel to adjudicate) 2 Torquey v Scunthorpe 1 York v Burnley

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Marchester City. Bradford City, Plymouth, Aldershot, Grimsby, Hartlepool, Merlow, Partick, Cowdenbeath, Dumberton, Montrose, Cusen of the South.
BEST DRAW'S: Manchester City, Bradford City, Plymouth, Grimsby, Partick.
AWAYS: Newcastle. Elmaingham, Scuntoros. Macclesfield, Aberdeen.

FOURTH DIVISION

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2 Dulwich v Aylesbury
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1 Hayes v Dagenham
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1 Dundee v Dunfermline
2 Hibernian v Aberdeen
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West Ham, Rotherham, Swanses,
Chesterfield, York, Barrow, St Albans,
Ceitic, Berwick, Kimamock.

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Aways: Etmingham, Macclessield, Aberdeen, Dewie Manchester City, Plymouth,
Gnmsby. Czechoslovakia.

TABLE TENNIS

Douglas in

Birmingham v Blackpool (7.45)... Bristol City v Tranmere (7.45)... Bury v Northampton Cardiff v Rotherham (7.30).... Crewe v Shrewsbury ... Fulham v Chester..... Leyton Orient v Huddersfield (7.45)
Mansfield v Bolton
Notts County v Swansea
Preston v Walsall
Reading v Bristol Rovers (8.00)
Wigan v Brentford By Richard Eaton

Fourth division

GM Vauxhall Conference Barrow v Stafford . CLUBCALL CUP: First round: Bishop's Stortiord v Worcester. VAUXHALL LEAGUE: Premier divisi

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Rossendale v Congleton.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Astriord v Wealdstone; Bath v
Waterlooville: Dartiord v Chelmstord;
Dorthester v Corbus (* 455).

TODAY'S FIXTURES Bedworth v King's Lynn; Grantham v Bilston; Halesowen v Sutton Coldifield.
Southern division: Andover v Hythe; Hastings v Ertin and Belvedere.
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OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Cherton v Brighton (7.0); Wimbledon v Chelsea.

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AASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES
LEAGUE: First division: Affection LR v
Warrington Town.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier di-

Mangotsfield.
WENDY FAIR CAPITAL LEAGUE: Bernet Wokingham.
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C w Totasham Hotapur (6.45). LONDON SENIOR CUP: Second round: Clapton v Boreham Wood. RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Cambridge University v Crawshay'x XV (7.15); Clifton v RAF (7.30); Leicester v Loughborough Stu-dents (7.15); Nesth v South Wates Police (7.0). IRISH SCHOOLS CUP: Semi-Enalt MCB v Bellymen Academy (Revenhill 2.30). Other match: Irish Colleges v American Eagles (Dubth 7.30).

RUGBY LEAGUE SLALOM LAGER ALLIANCE CUP: Quer-ter-final: Bradford Northern v Wignes. OTHER SPORT BADMINTON: England v Soviet Union

(Outsit).

BILLIARDS: Strachen UK Billiards cham-plonship (Marron Hotel and Country Cub, Middlesbrough).

BOWLS: English Women's Indoor cham-BOWLS: English Women's Indoor cham-planships (Linton).

BOXING: WBC International champ-lonship: Hugo Corti (Arg) v Chris Eubank (Brighton) (York Hall, Bethnell Green).

HOCKEY: Typhoo Women's League: Orpington v Slough (8.0).

TABLE TENNIS: England v West Germany (Bodeyheath).

SPORT ON TV BASKETBALL: Screensport 1.30-2.45pm: hights of the Harlem Globerothers: esport 4-5pm and 10pm-midnight: lege match, and the European circuit. BIATHLON: Eurosport 7-8pm and 12-1am (tomorrow): Highlights of the World championships from Raubichi, Soviet

BOXING: Screensport 12-1.30pm and 8.30-10.30pm: Professional event from the United States, and British featherweight chemptonship: Live coverage of John Doberty v Hugh Forde from Bassidon: Eurosport 12-1pm: Superbooks: 12-1pm: Arguello v Escalera from Rimini, Italy: ITV 11.35pm-12.30pm: WBC Interpational middleweight contast: Christoper 10-10. nutional middleweight contest Chris Eubank v Hugo Corti from the York Hall,

FOOTBALL: Screensport 7-8.45am, 6.30-8.30pm and 12-1am: Highlights from the Spenish league, Marioboro Cup, and Argentinan league: Eurosport 1-3 and 5.30-5pm.

GOLF: Screensport 10am-midday: United States PGA: Highlights of the Los Angeles open: 3-fam: Highlights of the American Express Mediterrancen Open from Las Brisas, Spain. ICE HOCKEY: Eurosport 9-11am: Nat-lonal Hockey League: Boston Bruins v Chicago Blackhaviks: Screensport 4-8pm: National Hockey League.

ICE SKATING: Screensport 8.45-10em: Figure skating: Highlights of the United INTERNATIONAL MOTOR SPORT: Euro-sport 11am-midday: Motor sport news from around the world. MCTOR SPORT: Eurosport 8-Spm: High-lights of the 1989 Formula One and motorcycling circuits. RUGBY LEAGUE: Screensport 10.30pm-michight: Highlights of the 1990 French Cap.

TEMPIN BOWLING: Screensport 2.45-4pm: Highlights of the Florida Open.

REAL TENNIS

Oxford end Cambridge's 11-year run

Oxford University ended Cam-bridge's II-year unbeaten streak in the Varsity Real Tennis Blues match at the Lemmington Club with a fighting 4-2 victory against the favourites (Sally Jones writes).

The key to the upset was the three-set win by the Oxford captain, Philip Baldwin over the Cambridge No. 3 Peter Bishop when Oxford, well-coached by Alan Oliver and Kees Ludekens already held a 3 to lead already held a 3-0 lead. Baldwin, a powerful left-hander, pinned down Bishop with a string of good-length railroad services and often found the grille with his accurate

back-hand. The top two Cam-bridge strings averted a white-wash in this high-quality contest with narrow victories over their opposite numbers, the lively Cambridge No. 1 Hutton Swinglehurst achieving a double with a forceful win over Andrew

with a forceful win over Andrew Searle.

RESULTS: (Oxford names first): Second doubles: P Baldwin (Whichester & Merton) and J Emery (Lancing & Green Colege) bt A James (Sedbergh and Gonville) and II Hodges (Charlerhouse and Magdalene). 4-6, 6-3, 1-6, 6-2, 6-5, First doubles: A Searle (Malwern & Worcester) and R Kuzneric (Island School of Hong Kong and Pentbroke) bt H Singlehurst (Eton and Emmenue) and P Baldop (Weilington & Robinson). 6-2, 1-8, 6-3, 6-4, 1-6, 6-2; J Emery lost to D Hodges, 5-6, 5-8; A Searle lost to H Singlehurst, 5-8, 5-6.

Polyfemus to press Aintree claim By Mandarin (Michael Phillips) Polyfemus has not run for running, again showing no over today's course and disbenefit from this switch back sign whatsoever of letting up. Tance in January. On that to the minimum trip after

(Michael Philips)

Several hopefuls for this year's Grand National will be on view at Warwick and

Sedecticld today. At Warwick, eight of the runners declared for the Crudwell Cup are still engaged in the Aintree spectacular, the pick being Polyfennes, who is napped to win today's feature

race over 3½ miles. Had the ground been better at Haydock last Saturday, the Michael Robinson-trained eight-year-old would have contested the much more valuable Greenall Whitley Gold Cup after really pleasing his connections in his recent homework near Wantage. I'm not concerned that

1.30 Le Piccolage. 2.00 Close Escape. 2.30 Harley Street Man.

Going: good to soft (soft in places)

40.00

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who is capable of giving his best after a lengthy break. For evidence of that one only has to refer to his first run

of the season at Chepstow

where he made every yard of the running to easily account hind in third place, the form of for the subsequent Welsh the Mandarin has a thornational third, Charter oughly reliable look about it. Judged on the way that Polyfemus finished at the end that three miles, three furlongs event, today's slightly longer

distance should not pose a On his next and only other appearance this season, Polyfemus won the Mandarin Chase at Newbury where he

3.30 POLYFEMUS (nap).

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WARWICK

Selections By Mandarin

By Michael Seely

4.00 Elfast. 4.30 EASTERN DESTINY (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's too rating: 5.00 DARK HONEY.

Brian Beel's selection: 4.30 Eastern Destiny.

1.30 ANDY LLOYD BENEFIT NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £2,024: 2m 5f) (20 runners)

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BETTRIC: 11-4 Penny Ross, 4-1 Le Piccolage, 9-2 Culteann, 7-1 Shaston, 12-1 Briefing, 14-1 Straight ndy, 16-1 File Du Parc, 20-1 others. 1906: MEETING ARANDONED - WATERLOGGED COURSE

FORM FOCUS CUILEARM put up an improved effort when 11/4 2nd to Harbour Walk at 13/8 4th to Dwedme at Ludlow (2m 5t, good to soft). The PICCOLAGE ran a feir race to finish 63(1 4th to Complete at Towerster (2m, good to soft), #NASTON was hearly backed when 71 3rd to Roelizry at Hausingdon (3m 1t, good to soft); earlier put up a Saleoties: PENNY ROSE ran well was hearly backed when 71 3rd to Roelizry at Hausingdon (3m 1t, good to soft); earlier put up a Saleoties: PENNY ROSE.

FORM FOCUS WINNIE THE WITCH Lest season on both outings the term. CLOSE 70 Townster and is before judged on earlier St beating of Strike A Point at Leicester (2mt 4f, 6pc), a winner at the Devon (2mt 1f, soft) on Strike A Point at Leicester (2mt 4f, 6pc), good to soft Thinkested out to 1ft Thinkested out to

METTING: S-1 Arctic Cavalor, 9-2 Harley Street Man, 6-1 Lauderdele Lad, 11-2 Broad Beam, 7-1 Sirrah Jay, 8-1 Mandray, 10-1 Brussels Sprouts, 20-1 Bryms.

FORM FOCUS BROAD MEAN and | LANDERDALE LAD previously \$1 3rd to Air Broke

TORM TOCOS not impress when 211
Ath to Bibnook at Newton Abbot (2m 150yd, heavy).
HAMREY STREET MAN felled to lossify favorerisism at Nothingham (2m) when 81 2md to Butters Pet. ARCTIC CAVALUER was colleged close horse when 761 2md to make find start. Will go close if the enough for Newton 2md capt 2md capt at flushington (2m 44, good) with LAUDERDALE LAD a well-besten 19th.

Welcoor (3m, 20th), Bitaleficky was a much-improved performer towards five end of last season proved performer towards five end of last season on his final start. Will go close if the enough for heaving county when trained in Instanction LAUDERDALE LAD a well-besten 19th.

3.0 PERTEMPS JOBSHOPS HANDICAP HURDLE (E2,216: 2m) (8 runners)

2.30 PERTEMPS NETWORK HANDICAP CHASE (22,515: 2m 4f) (8 runners)

2.0 PERTEMPS GROUP HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,268: 2m 5f) (8 runners)

Cup runner-up, Brown Windsor. As Solidasarock, who had The three races sponsored carlier won the SGB Chase at by the Pertemps Group con-

line by the Hennessy Gold

Tenesaint could prove his most troublesome rival, hav-ing beaten Willsford so readily which he can do thanks to at Leicester last time. Jenny Pitman's chaser looked like winning the big race at Mighty Prince could well be Haydock on Saturday until he thwarted in his race by the

Midnight Madness and

Ascot, was three lengths be- stitute an Anglo-European jockeys challenge with mounts decided by ballot.

As he trains for the sponsors Martin Pipe will be keen to Harley Street Man (2.30). However, stable companion overjumped the last fence and recent Lingfield winner Wissenmander Ests (3.0).

Elfast is taken to win the

Polysemus has not run for running, again showing no over today's course and disbenefit from this switch back nine weeks because he is sign whatsoever of letting up, clearly a clean-winded horse pressed hard all the way to the occasion victory went to Midappearing to fail to get further night Madness by a neck. Now at Sandown last time out. His the handicapper has allowed overall form appears better Mister Christian a pound. At Sedgefield, all the run-

ners for the McEwans Best Scotch Durham National Handicap Chase have been entered for the real thing at Aintree with the exception of La Plume, who is a long way out of today's handicap. Recent form points to The Langholm Dyer being good enough to win again. When he was runner-up to Jelupe in the Eider Chase at Newcastle he had Ardesee 20 lengths behind in fourth place.

Blinkered first time

Mister Christian dominated Hilton National Novices again made virtually all the the finish of a similar race run Chase in the belief that he will LINGFRELD PARK: 3.10 Oraelt.

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	i soft with WOODGATE poor 5th and OVER THE to finish 91 Srd to Against The Grain at Wolve IROAD 13th. READ 13th. TEMESAINT returned useful performance to delest. (4b worse off) 61 5th and FLEETING PASSION 69	r- IH h.
ı	Willstord 41, pair 151 clear, at Lalouster (3m, soft). Selection: POLYFEMUS	

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1	0-12224	ELFAST 15 (D.FF.O.S) (J Webber) J Webber 7-11-7	0
6	4/P30PF-	GEORGE 12 (BF,S,D) (P Hervey) Mrs J Plimen 7-11-2	_
4	44-05P5	CAME DOWN 26 (Major N Martin) N Mitchell 7-11-1 A Tory (5) — CORAL HARBOUR 39 (B.F.Q.S) (kins M Rickerds) A Barrow 6-11-1 W Index (5) —	
6	363-345	CREEAGER 15 (0,8) (J Berry) J Wharton 0-11-1	4
6	04000-0	DECRETO 12 (Ars J Kandali-Davis) C Horgan 9-11-1	
9	310/06-8 5/600P	ENPECCABLE TRAING 10 (5) (W Problemon) D O'Nell 7-11-1 R Regges — LITTLEGOOD GAMBLER 12 (6) (Mrs S Greathead) T Greethead 7-11-1 P Harley (7)	
i 1 12	13/33-0F	SANTOPADRE 2 (F,Q,S) (Airs J Holland) D C'Hell 8-11-1 G Brailley 7 WELOWESQ 45 (Airs A Evans) D Willems 7-11-1 Powel 7	7
13	3F2336	FISHENG SMACK 25 (Q.S) (B Bylord) B Bylord 7-10-10	_
14	PPOP-	MOUNTAIN SHADON 302F (Prair Group) M Scudemore 5-10-7 D Tegg — 11-4 Eliest, 3-1 Santopadre, 4-1 Georgic, 8-1 Coral Herbour, 0-1 Creenger, 10-1 Fishin	<u> </u>
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B COLONEL O'KELLY 12 (Mrs J Peaton) D Berons 8-11-2 N Heavier (3)

22-282 DARK HONEY 19 (87) (R Super) S Dow 0-11-2 R Guest ©

OPP DINEASE 10 (T Hopkins) Mrs J Evans 8-11-2 P Heavier (7)

22 MOSSGARA 74 (887) (R Hibrishs) Mrs J Planen 5-11-2 M Planen

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O- TIPP DOWN 374 (W O'Nell) D Murray Smith 7-11-2 P Verling (3)

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9-05B JERST REVIEW 10 (Woodrock Investments) M Wildinson 7-10-11
89-05BU JERSC 28 (Mas 6 Minus) Mas 3 Minus 0-10-11
5-40F20 KUTCH KOO 14 (P Price) A J Wilson 9-10-11
970 SHOREMAN LADY 19 (M O'Dwyer) S Cole 5-10-11
3-298 SWEET NAMH 124 (F Sheridan) F Sheridan 7-10-11
5-308 TRESCALLANH 48 (F Cooper) W Carter 0-10-11
90 AKCMAL 19 (T Connop) R Hollinshead 4-10-2
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G Bradley
A Webb

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253F-23 BAD TRADE 32 (b) (P Piler) W A Stephenon 8-11-10.

1221F4 FURA MONEY 6 (CD,F,G,S) (J Hamiton) G Richards 6-11-1.

1222F1 SWORD BEACH 14 (CD,F,G,S) (JA's 6 Mason) M H Estamby 8-10-8.

2-22441 CHOCTAW 35 (CD,F,S) (J Yeadon) P Beaumont 0-10-1.

P/P25F3 LIGHTWATER AGAIN 24 (S) (Airs F Raper) C Beaver 0-10-0.

323U54 MURERATE 53 (CD,F,Q,S) (A Glies) P Davis 11-10-0.

4.15 REG BOYLE BOOKMAKER NOVICES CHASE (£2,210: 2m) (9 runners)

3220-23 COPELAND LAD 14 (F) (R Stegram) J Johnson 8-11-3...

1988: SOLARES 9-10-13 N Doughty (3-1) J Berry 5 ran

3.45 ROBIN AND JOHN SIMPSON MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (£2,782: 2m 4f) (6

BETTING: 5-2 Copolend Lad, 7-2 Master Salesman, 9-2 Majestic Ring, 0-1 Cusen's Bay Lad, Solicitor's Choice, 10-1 Holly King, 14-1 Linghem Pulse, 16-1 others.

1989: LAS RAMPAS 7-11-6 P Niven (14-1) Denys Smith 12 ran

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Selections By Mandarin

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3.45 Sword Beach

Per cent 33.3 30.0 25.8 19.8 19.5 18.8

Michael Sociy's selection: 2.15 Oriental Express.

Going: good to soft 2.15 CROOK CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,786: 2m) (15

1 438313 EXCELLENCY 15 (D.SF,G) (Mrs W Devis) P Devis 7-11-10	83
2 723436 PREMICAR STAR 12 (D.F.) (W.Stephenson) W.A. Stephenson U-11-7	93
3 14888 COACH # MOCO 11 (B.D.S) (D.Trayer-Clark) M.W.EMMOY (-11-1	87
4 BESSES CREEKTAL EXPRESS 14 (D.F.S) (A Watson) Ronald Thompson 7-11-0 M Lesse (7)	12
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10 PAPT-00 SUBAN HENCHARD 34 (M Avison) M Avison 0-10-6	
11 SAMPA CAME, MCI AT 48 A3 DECOALS PROCE C-10-5	-
12 2000 divide TO 4 / 1 Green his Control Strict 4-10-5	-
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2.45 JOURNAL TRACING EXTRA' HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,903: 2m 4f) (14 runners)	_
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8 SPP-POR TREMAR LAD 11 (BL/) (A Long) P Davis 8-10-5	_
2 22-UNIO GRANGE OF GLORY 2 (7) (J Holloco) J Holloco 9-10-4	94
10 Series Womang Success 17 (S) (Milliam Cowen & Sor) Mrs G Reveloy 0-10-2. N Hodge (7)	12
11 SPFF21 ASTICOT 14 (CD.F.S) Diks H Hogbert O Winte 5-10-2 A Carroll	_
12 140 MLEGARY PARY 26 (C.M.) (Air. A Hester) B Wildrech 0-10-1	_
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Course specialists

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4.45 GROVE NOVICES HURDLE (£1.360; 2m 4f) (11 runners) ... 5 Storey 72 ... C Great 64 ... G Harker ... 5 Williamson ... T Margen 6 28 N Dowling 28 74 1989: DECENT MAN 6-11-2 P A Firmel (9-2) P Beaumont 9 ran THE TIMES RACING SERVICE

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warms up for festival with double

By Paul Wheeler

With the Cheltenham Festival just seven days away, Nick Henderson gave notice as to the well being of his team with a double from two runners at Windsor yesterday.

Windsor yesterday.

He produced a Cheltenham hopeful when Freeline Finishing won the first division of the Thames Novices Hurdle. Defying a 71b-penalty, he took the lead half a mile from home and drew clear in the hands of Richard Durwoody, heating Young Pokey, the 6-4 favourite, by 12 lengths. by 12 lengths.

The six-year-old is entered,

along with Whatever You Like, for the Waterford Crystal Su-preme Novices Hurdle. A delighted Henderson said: "Ha quickened up really well, and he could go to Cheltenham. We'll certainly have to think about it." Henderson confirmed that See You Then will have one more home gallop before attempting a record-breaking faurth Champlan Hurdla

An hour later, Henderson greeted his 32nd winner of the season when The Humble Tiller won the College Novices Chase

won the College Novices Chase
to complete a double for
Denwoody.

Reg Akehurst was another
trainer in double form. Hats
High won the Final Selling
Hurdle and then None So Wise
got the better of Careless Kiss
after a hard-fought battle in the
second division of the Thames
Novices Hurdle.

The Epson trainer had news of stable star Solidasarock. "He's on line for Cheltenham. He'll run is one of the 24-mile races, but we haven't made a decision yet. I may also run Dudie."

Dudie."

But Henricita Knight was looking further ahead with Golden Celtic who won the Freddie Starr Challenge Trophy Haudicap Hurdle. "He'll go for the three mile kurdle at Liverpool," she said.

Mark Pitman returned from The

injury to partner The Illywhacker to a runaway victory in the concluding Levy Board Novices' Hurdle.

Bolton. Reg Akehurst, currently based in Epsom, is Mitchell's likely successor.

Henderson Cottenham switch is disastrous for battered Andrews

Point-to-point by Brian Beel

Simon Andrews gave up the ride on Golden Casino at Market on Golden Casino at Market Rasen on Saturday and headed for the Cambridge University point-to-print meeting at Cottenham to ride Newnham, who has his sights on the Maryland Hunt Cup on April 22

(Andrew Sansome) and Redneyhill (Tick Saunders). Each was ridden in similar fashion, quickening to lead at Unfortunately, plans went nwry when he fell in an earlier race on One For Mammy and was trodden on by a following horse, breaking three ribs and puncturing his lung.

He expects to be back in the the last and going on to win comfortably. In the third dithe other two. Jon Trice-Rolph

saddle in about three weeks time, but no so lucky in this respect was Gerald Penfold, who broke a leg at the Hursley Hambledon when John Sam was brought down at the sixth in the

At the East Anglian meeting, Oliver Vaughan-Jones rode his second double in successive weeks. Bobby Burns, his mount in the hunt race, just beld on by a head to land the odds and on Suny Sorell an 8-1 chance, the story was repeated, last week's maiden winner running on gamely to hold off the challenge of Christian Ward-Thomas on Connaught's Joy by the same

arrow margin.
With David Turner still sidelined after his hunting accident, Nigel Bloom deputised on Joe Turner's Daybrook's Gift to win the maiden while Fiona Clark, on only her second ride, landed the ladies by a distance on Carl's

Odds-on favourite Military
Two Step was never going well
for Teresa Elwell in the ladies at
the Bicester where his stable companion, Cawarra Lad, who was pocontrollable at

an easy win on the odds-on Valoroso in the ladies. Nine of the 11 runners went Nine of the 11 runners went the wrong side of a marker after the seventh fence in the West Shropshire adjacent and two of these, Chickham Lad and Barning, passed the post in first and accord place. Their dis-qualification left General Sandon, a distance third, being awarded the race.

awarded the race.

Maiden winners at this meet-

ing can always be followed with confidence and this year's race,

divided three ways to accom-modate 61 runners, should be

no exception. Tom Regis had

two of these, both with Caroline Saunders, in Milesian Mariner

vision, run in identical time to

was unextended in winning by

five lengths on the 5-4 favourite

Duke of Beamfort under Pippa Nash and his owner, Colin Nash, is now looking for a qualifier for The Times Champ-

Reports were favourable on

the viewing at the new course used by the South Durham where Nigel Tuny had a double on Ingleby Star and Colin's Fancy while his wife, Karen, had

Benefiting from his outing in a Nottingham hunter chase, Chance Buy took the Audi at the

Georgetheninth.

ionship series.

David Robinson had a double at the Mid Surrey, winning from the front on both Motor Bike Man in the members and Ivy League in the open.

Joyful Noise 4-1 chance

By Christopher Goulding

The Irish-trained Joyful Noise, who failed by a head to beat Deep Sensation in last month's Tote Gold Trophy, is 4-1 favourite for Saturday's William Hill Imperial Cup at Sandown

yesterday given until the end of the month to quit Whitcombe Manor stables in Dorset. Notice was given to Mitchell to vacate the premises by April 1 in a letter from the owner, Peter Bolton. Reg Akehurst, currently decision regarding Dis Train later in the week. This also applies to Peanuts Pet, who is

engaged in the Waterford Nov-ices' Hurdle at Cheltenham on

Hill Street, the well-backed favourite for the Tote Gold Trophy, has now recovered from a broken blood vessel, sustained in the Newbury race, and is expected to take his

Other prices: 8-1 Dis Train, Peanuts Pet, Without A Doubt, 10-1 Hill Street, Moody Man, Run High, 12-1 Bradbury Star, Imperial Brush, Sprowston Boy, 14-1 Atlaal.

LINGFIELD PARK

Selections

By Mandarin

1.40 Waltzing Weasel. 2.10 Wellsy Lad. 2.40 Native Flair, 3.10 Concert Pitch. 3.40 Hopscotch. 4.10 Super Gunner.

Going: standard Draw: 5f-7f, low numbers best 1.40 COLUMBUS HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,217: 5f) (6

9-4 Final Harvest, 5-2 Waltzing Weesel, 9-2 Little Ripper, 6-1 Hot Hope, 10-1 Tudor Ace, 14-1 Supedupa. 2.10 COOK CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,427: 7f)

1 1128 WELLSY LAD 3 (CD) D Chapman 9-7..... S Wood (5) 8
2 216- QUEEN OF THE CLUB 160 F Alsoburst 9-2... T Quies 5
314- ERK QDIM 66 (CD) Mrs. L-Piggott 9-1..... B Crossley 7
4 516- SCOTS LAW 66 (F) (D) C British 9-1.... B Praymond 4
5 D- BROUGHTRAD 124 W Musson 9-11.... M Wighten 8
5 4324 ROYAL BRIENC 3 (S.D.) M Plan 6-7.... J Quien 2
7 0314 ANGLORITERNATIONAL 24 (D.F) R Subbs 8-6
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2.40 LIVINGSTONE HANDICAP (£3,272: 1m 2f) (7) 1 229- OTTERBURN 18J (29) R O'Suthran 4-9-11

2 1332 RAPPONTEUR 16 (CD) C Elsey 4-9-10 __ S Wood (6) 4
3 129- SONIC SIGNAL 157 (F,0) M Haynes 4-9-8 J Williams 5
4 05-2 MATIVE FLAIR 19 (F,0) R Amatrong 5-9-7 A Shouting 5
5 000- SONIC LORD 54 (R.D.P) R Voorspay 5-8-3 ... W Ryan 6
6 050- FONIO KISS 165 (R.S) C Cyzer 5-7-11 M Rya 2
7 040 AL SHAREET 18 D Burcholl 5-7-10 S Malvey (7) 1 2-1 Rapporteur, 3-1 Native Flair, 4-1 Ottarburn, 5-1 Sonic Signal, 10-1 Sonic Lord, 16-1 others.

● Corals have laid Deep Sensation to lose £100,000 for the Champion Hurdle next Tues-day, including one individual wager of £1,000 each way at 66-1, and Josh Gifford's Tote Gold

3.10 ARNOLD AND NATHAN FAST TRACK HANDICAP (£2,301; 1m) (11) 1 0-18 INENES CHARTER 10 (CD,F) K Cumingham

11 0-00 SINGING GOLD 22J (F,G) R Guest 4-7-7, S Ellert (7) 2

94 frens's Charter, 11-4 izioff, 4-1 Concert Pitch, 0-1 Talic Of Glory, 9-1 Evening Star, 12-1 others. 3.40 VASCO DA GAMA MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: 22.427: 1m 2f) (9)

7 46 MISS BEA 3 (B) A Balley 8-9 0 Wideword 8 3 300- POWITE OF LAW 188 P Kelloway 8-9 A Missre (3) 5 B 252 POKT SHAKER 14 (V) D Abustrot 8-8 J Carter 2 5-4 Rection, 3-1 Hopscotch, 9-2 Points Of Law, 8-1 Port Sharer, 10-1 Swift Silver, 16-1 others.

4.10 WILLIAM HILL 'GOLDEN SPURS' AMATEUR CHALLENGE HANDICAP (£2,427: 1m 5f) (9)

2-1 Super Gunner, 5-2 Celtic Bhoy, 5-1 Silk Dynasty, 8-1 Mighty Glow, 10-1 Authorship, 12-1 others.

Course specialists TRANCERS: J Scargill, 4 winners from 18 runners, 25,0%; R O'Sulfivan, 6 from 25, 20,0%; Mrs L Piggott, 5 from 25, 20,0%; D Burchell, 3 from 17, 17,0%; R Saubbs, 8 from 34, 17,0%; R Akehurat, 30 from 150, 17,0%.

JOCKEYS: N Day, 9 winners from 60 rides, 15,0%; T Quinn, 90 from 206, 14,6%; B Raymond, 14 from 102, 13,7%; S Wood, 8 from 25, 12,0%; W Ryen; 8 from 83, 10,8%; M Hills, 8 from 80, 10,0%.

Windsor results Going: good (chases), good to soft (hurdes)

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20 (2m 30yd hdie) 1, FREELINE FRI181896 (R Dunnecody, 5-2; 2, Young
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Richards, 33-1), ALSD RANk: 2 Yeoman
Farmer (Sth), 16 The Shy Controller (4th),
20 Run By, 33 Chain Shot, Indian Sovereign (R), Mandy's Tino, Personity, Air View,
50 Beryl's Joke, Fayadpour, Gold Justice,
Kraybourne, Little Tom (Sth), Orleane
Sound, Shalberey, The Torridge, The
Wooden Hut, Dairsbury, 21 ran. 12, 254,
3, 34, 4. N Henderson at Lambourn, Tote:
24.00; 21.10, 21.50, 24.50, DF: 24.70,
CSF: 27.38.
238 (2m 30xd hdie) 1, MATS HIGH (J.)

CSF: 27.38.

2.30 (2m 30yd hole) 1, NATS HIGH (J. Leach, 2-1 fav; Menderin's nap); 2, Casious Feeling (M. Bostoy, 12-1); 3, Yanbu (R. Durwoody, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Deeroid Denoer, 6 Fix For Counsel (eth), 6 Strong Language, 10 Frework Wilsem, Helen Hotel, Princess Wu (put, 11 Helio Sweetle (put, 12 Ning Of Aragon, Earth Beam (put, 18 Ning Of Aragon, Earth Beam (put, 18 Procestine (6th), 20 Nornhands Way, Flashing Silics, Handy Lady, Mountain Life, Selineven Special, 35 Casto Jester, Cretan Boy, Special Reserve (6th), 21 ran. NR: Broderie Angletse, 61, 62, 2%1, 41, 1%1, R. Alselhurst at Epsem. Tota: 124-05, 22.00, 22.70, 23.80. DF; 228.10. CSF: 239.34. 22.70, 23.80, DF: 228.10. CSF: 229.34.
3.0 (2m St ch) 1, THE HUMBLE TELLER (R Durwoody, 9-4 fav); 2, Bizage Motors (D Gallagher, 8-1); 3, Granny Pray On (A Tory, 10-1). ALSO RANk 9-2 Kamadoor, 6 Dencing Ballerine (Sith), 8 Mr Kitby (pu), 12 Heaven'ty Brother, High Toby (f), 14 Callerio, Hook Head (pu), 16 Provential Session (Sith), Yraida Bay (4th), 20 Rayelaton (f), Taxinda (pu), 25 Gax (pu), Six Shot (f), Spaech Boy, Stayther Gold (f), 18 ran. 2, 11, 12, 4, 151, N Henderson at Lambourn. Tote: 23.80; 21.80, 22.40, 24.20, DF: 222.00, CSF: 225.57. EA.20. DF: 222.00. CSF: 225.97.

\$30 (2m & helie) 1, GOLDEN CELTIC (R. Begger, 4-1 lier); 2. War Child (G. Moore, 25-1); 3, Fort Wapping (Candy Morte, 33-1); 4, Express Air (R. Guest, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Liane Rouge (Sth); 5 Westway (Sth), 8 Heiry Het, 8 Halcross (pul, 10 Myrash Rey, Carlos, Pintepol Las, 14 Rr A. Pry, Cherulity Laco, 25 Tribel Drum, Graficon Maissy, 35 Mr Fog Patchos, Alarm Call (pul, Indamu, Christo, 18 ran, NH; Steine, 194, 41, 41, 41, 101. Miss H. Kriight at Wantage, Toles: 28.05; 21.70, 25.00, 24.90, 22.50. DF: 252.70. CSF: £106.64. Tricast: 22,798.20.

AD.6m.4f.ch) 1, THE THERSTY FARREER

4.0 (3m 4f ch) 1, THE THERSTY FARRER (J. Lower, 6-1); 2, Stream Bridge (J. Os-borne, 100-30); 3, Stream Bridge (J. Os-borne, 100-30); 3, Stream Bridge (J. Os-t); 4, Lakefield (W. Sird, 7-1), ALSO RAN: 3 fav Dercander (f), 9 Mr Pinkerton, 8 Just-thewayyouare (f), 12 Sergeant Sprite, Woodlends Lad, 14 Random Place (pu), Montonery, 20 Sergeant King (5th), 33 Montonery, 20 Sergeant King (5th), 33 Woodlands Lad, 14 Random Place (pul, Montgomery, 20 Borsen King (5th), 33 Roving Glen (pul, 50 Notre Cheval, Water-lay (6th), Sword Edge (pul, 16 ran. 10, %l, rk, 30, 31 M Pipe at Wettington, Tota: 210.00; £1.80, £1.70, £4.10, £1.50, DF-216.70, CSF: 230.74, Tricast: £186.11. 4.30 (2m 30yd hdle) 1, NONE SO WISE (J. Leech, 15-2); 2, Carelees Kiss (G. Moore, 25-1); 3, Cittien Cappel (M. Bosley, 8-4), ALSO RAN. Evens for Gold Sundon

(5th), 14 Melicus (6th), 18 Creem And Green, Vodks Fizz, Rocqueine (4th), 20 High Deal, 25 Johnny Will, 33 Abu Mesilab (7), Gissmo, Harles Premier (7), Intrum Boy, Laura Many (pu), Lyph, 50 Mount Torus, Romen Cracicshol, Royal Brush (pu), Smart Broad, Bulette, Persian Luck, 22 ran. Hd. 41, 12, 61, 12, F. Akehust at Epseom. Tote: 57.30; 51.40, 25.30, 51.60. DF: £48.70. CSP: £170.43.

DF: 248.70. CSP: 2170.43.

5.0 (2m 6t hole) 1, THE BLYWHACKER (M Pluma, 11-10 fav): 2, Adminal's Leep (K Mooney, 100-30); 3, lifted Replane (S Earle, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 11 Devestidion, 14 Regular Valgan, Scamperad (6th), 20 Country Singer (pu), 25 Brockenfield, 33 Orangey, Tryumphant Lad, Lizzles Lass, 50 Elver Panto, Master Marron, Pendle Lyric (pu), Sarninga, 80 (4th), Tochanka (5th), 16 ran. NR: Murphy's Man. 12, sh hol, 12, 101, 114). Mrs. J. Pitman at Upper Lembours. Tota: 21.70, 21.20, 21.50, 21.10. DP: 22.40. GSP: 26.26. Leicester

Going: good to soft

Gebing: good to soft

1.55 (3m ch) 1, MADEMIST SUSSE (Mr N

Tutty, 6 4 favr, 2, Ank Jean (Mr J Pickering, 6-1),

1.5-2; 3, Wrekins Lad (Mr J Pickering, 6-1),

ALSO RAN: 7-2 Adventures (4th), 6

Sunday Chempers (pu), 6 Par Kelty (5th),

33 Mester Blacksmith (pu), Peach Led

(6th), 50 Bra Hayes (pu), 5 ran. 4., 11, rk,

20, dat. M Hill at Northellerion. Total

22-20: 21-10, 22-30, 21-70, DF: 27-30.

CSF: 212-74.

2.1 (2m 4f hole) 1, Nordall (D J)

Poct (4-1), 14 ran. 12; 1, J)

Pontlyre's Price (7-1), 4 ran. 12; 1, J

Pittch-Heyer, Total 21-90, DF: 23-00. CSF: 212-74.

200; E1.10, 22.30, 21.70. DF: E7.30.

CSF: E12.74.

225 (2m ch) 1, 80ME OBLIGATION (Mr D Costsio), 2-1); 2, Prinatoperformance (Mr A Hickmen, 12-1); 3, Sig Decision (Mr J Trice Rolph, 5-1). ALSC: 7-4 tav Wise Gambol (8th), 8 Biou Georgie (4th), 25 Peacetul Lane (pu), 33 Beget, 50 Around The Clock, Behreir Boy (pu), Keies Star, Kiltary Bay, Luoly Blake, Mushima Mountain (8th), Orphan Frank, Svengelle, 15 ran. 8, 7, 234, dat. 7, J. Uisson at Adeitone. Tote: £2.80; £1.40, £5.80, £1.50.

DF: 251.10. CSF: £28.22.

2.55 (3m ch) 1, NOBBRANOKICER (Mr J Greenali, 9-4); 2, West Tib (Mr J Pieneau).

Piacepot £840,50.

2.55 (3m ch) 1, MORRANOKUER (Mr. J. Greenal, 9-4); 2, West Tip (Mr. M. Armytage, 4-2 tav); 3, Smollyan (Mr. R. Toto, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 68 Menston Marsuder (4th). 4 ran. 21, 201, dist. J. Greenal at Lufington. Tote; £2.20. DF: £1.50. CSF: £3.55.

21.50. CSP: 23.58.

3.25 (2m 4f cit) 1, Berbetty RILLES (Mr. D Gray, 2-1 tav); 2, Permote (Mr. C Maude, 10-1); 3, By Skinney (Mr. P Doyle, 20-1); 4, Baltineveen (Mr. A Samoone, 6-1), ALSO RAN: 11-2 Pen Sal, 6 Rig Steet, 17-2 Krystle Seint (5th), 14 Double Turn (pu), Pforman, 20 Perish Rigged, Listery Lad, 25 Mr. Dynamie, 33 Augumn Zulu, Canon Class (6th), Pen Arctic (pu), 50 Ah Hello, Denton RI, Moss Connett, 8 ran. 34, 81, 21, 10, 21, S. Meltor at Wardscrough, Total: 23.50; 21.70, £8.40, £2.90, £1.30, DF: 25.51.9, Triesst £458.15.

3.85 (2m 4f cit) 1, PERROQUET (Mrs. N Vergette, 11-8 fav); 2, Unscrappions Gent (Mr. D Gray, 7-4), ALSO RAN: B Summons (3th), 10 Gram/Re Park (8th), 14 Flarey Sark, 20 Schlemmer (4th), 60 Florest Regina, 100 Orange King (pu),

Sandymount House, Southerns (pu), Caroline Ranger, 12 ran. 5l, 7l, 10l, 8l, 10l. G Vargetin at Market Deeping, Tota: \$2.50; £1.40, £1.20, £1.60. DF: £8.40. CSF: £18.20. CSF: £18.20.

4.25 (3m ch) 1. TEAPLANTER (hir R Rusent), Evens fav; blioband Seely's map); 2, Warren Bridge (hir N Duan, 20-1; 3. Space Prince (hir A Hambly, 14-1). Al 20 RAN: 7-2 Rubie's Choice (4th, 7 Lymecod Led, 14 Porter's Song (pai, 20 Burnswerk (pa), Terry's Lad (8th), The Mighty Blahop, 25 Bay Bridge (5th), 33 Deco Trix (pai, 50 Battle Fleet (pai, 12 ran. NP Light General, 30, 3, 5, 8, 3, 8 R Russell at Towosster. Toke: £1.90; £1.50, £3.50, £2.90. DP: £34.50. CSF: £22.49. Piecepot: £53.40.

Lingfield Park Going: standard 1.40 (2m 2i hdis) 1, Sing The Bisse (Julie McKnown, 4-11 inv); 2, Brunoni (33-1); 3, Casino Magic (10-1), 6 ren. 71, 3l. C Benstead, Tota: 21-20; 21.10, 24.60. DP: 29.20, GSF: 29.60.

2.10 (2m 4/ inde) 1, ivordell (D J Burchell, 3-1 tav); 2, Longchurst (S-1); 3, Vet (4-1), 14 ran, NR: Excellency, 10/, 51, D Burchell, Tota: 25.40; 21.40, 22.00, DF: 216.30, CSF: 219.82, Tricust: 260.00.

Placepot: £840.50.



CRICKET

prevalent mood of African liberation hardly extended to the teams of Zimbabwe and England A on the third day of their international match.

Further determined batting by England took them to 294 for five by the close, with a seven-hour 103 by Michael Atherton setting the tone.

During the day 179 runs

came from 99 overs. England managed 72 in the morning, a further 45 by tea; and 62 in the evening. Today is a rest day.

Against tight Zimbabwe bowling. England dutifully toed the line demanded by the exigencies of five-day cricket. Atherton faced 342 balls and hit seven fours and he and Blakey, who made a gritty 92, confirmed

temperaments for proper Test cricket in the years ahead. These two were mainly responsible for the plus marks acquired by England whose best chance of winning was always to obtain a considerable first innings lead. Just occasionally it was disappointing that the spasmodic loose balls were not punished more efficiently.

For many, though, the skilful off spin bowling of John

A public holiday was declared African Test player, com-yesterday to mark a visit here pensated for what at times, yesterday to mark a visit here pensated for what at times, by Nelson Mandela but the inevitably, was a monotonous

Traicos, who is 43 in May, has so far bowled 56 overs with pin-point accuracy for 62 runs without taking a wicket. He consistently tested the batsmen through the air, cleverly varied his pace, and occasionally got some turn.

Atherton and Blakey, resuming with England 115 for two, set the day's stolid pattern from the start. Twenty-seven runs had come in the first 18 overs when Zimbabwe took the new ball. Brandes, though, in particular was ragged. Atherton took runs on both sides of the wicket with several perfectly timed strokes, which still beat the fieldsmen, in spite of a their slow outfield.

Shortly after lunch, with both batsmen in the 90s, Zimbabwe finally obtained the breakthrough they des-perately wanted. Blakey had always been willing to play the off drive in between a great many pushes and nudges. Having been in five and a half hours, there was a suspicion of impatience as he mistimed a full-blooded drive against a widish, half-volley from Jarvis, the left-arm seam bowler,

resulted for extra cover. Blakey had shared a third wicket stand of 185 in 97 overs. He faced 313 balls, hit nine fours and at Headingley would have been greeted by Brian Close with a ticking off for allowing himself to be

Nicholas attempted little to quicken the tempo. Atherton finally reached his century out of 206 when he pushed Jarvis for a leg-side single. The atmosphere remained soporific when, unexpectedly, Shah hit the top of the off stump as the batsman pushed forward.

Thorpe was the only batsman to break the stranglehold imposed by Traicos with a swept four and a straight six. Just before the end, Nicholas, after making 53 in 57 overs, hit a long hop from Shah to cover point.

COVET DOLOT.
ZIMBAEWE: First Innings 290
Houghton 108, A Shah 98,
ENGLAND A: First Innings
D J Bicknell libw b Brandes
J P Stephenson c Plower b Brandes
M A Atherton b Shah
M J Bhikey c Robertson b Jarvis.
M G J Nicholas c sub b Shah A Atherton b Shah
J Bhikey c Robertson b Jervis.
A C J Nicholas c sub b Shah
P Thorpe not out.
S J Rhodes not out.
Extres (b 6, lb 4, w 1).....

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-13, 3-198, 4-216, 5-287.

BOWLING: Brandes 29-7-68-2; Jarvis 24 11-82-1; Duers 28-6-53-0; Shah 19-10-19 2; Traicos 56-29-62-0. and a straightforward catch

; Stocks 6-1-22-0.

ARGENTRIAN XI
Trabucco e Cass b Farrell....
Gooding c Cass b Dermis ...
Ferguson c Cass b Dermis ...
Altonso b Boocook.
Nifo run cut...
Hoberts not out ...
Extras...

Total (5 wkts, 32 overs)

BOWLING: Annend 12-2-32-0; Goodin 12-1-35-3; Allonso 12-1-27-2; Percyra 12 4-38-3; Irigoyen 3-0-17-0; Ferguson 3-0-6 0; Stocks 6-1-22-0.

Total (8 wkts, 60 overs Boocock did not bat.



Getting to grips with the opposition: Martin Watts, the Oxford University cox, meets his Cambridge counterpart, Lisa Ross-Magenty, as the Boat Race teams were announced outside the Houses of Parliament yesterday. Report, page 44

RUGBY UNION: TWO PLAYERS PROVIDE MIXED FORTUNES FOR CHAMPION CLUB

Bath may lose Hall for season

By David Hand Rugby Correspondent

The last four days have brought mixed joys to Bath, the cham-pion club of England; yesterday it was confirmed that Jonathan Webb, the former England full back, is to join them from Bristol, which must be set against the loss, possibly for the rest of the season, of John Hall. Hall, who played five cup finals for Bath during the 1980s, is certain 10 miss their semifinal with Moseley on March 24 after being sent off during last Friday evening's game against Plymouth Albion. Should Bath win, he will probably miss the final too, since it was his second

dismissal this season. Hall, the former England flanker and a key player for his club, who are hoping to repeat last season's feat of the league and cup double, was sent off by Laurie Prideaux, the Cornish

stamping late in the 38-14 win at the Recreation Ground. It is, moreover, the fifth dismissal of a Bath player this season, which will earn the club a place at the bar of the Somerset disciplinary committee, who are beyond to committee, who are bound to require an explanation from them as well as deciding an appropriate punishment for the ayer. Hall was suspended for 30

days by the committee after a sending-off during the league ame against Rosslyn Park in October. There is every possibility now of a period of suspension which will terminate his season and, in the light of recent fences in international matches. could extend into next season. Were that to be the case Hall, who ruled himself out of selection by England (though he is believed to have been recon-sidering that decision recently)

By David Hands

The four home unions are consultation with the chairmen tion, thereby encouraging affili-

to put forward as strong a playing contribution as possible.

"It is a unique fixture and one that has called upon players and

administrators throughout

Europe to pool their resources for all the people in Romania," Ken Smith, the chairman of the five nations' committee, said

yesterday. Fred Howard, England's leading referee, will be the match official and it is hoped to raise up to £1 million

for distribution to the Roma-nian Rugby Federation and relief organizations to that

The home unions hope to

focus attention all the preceding week on the Romanian situa-

might be prevented from, participating in Bath's tour in August to Australia.

Two other first-team players, Steve Walklin and Gareth Chilcott, have been sent off this season, as has Kevin Moggridge, the captain of the youth team. Bath, in a letter to all their

players last autumn, stressed the importance of self-discipline and Brendan Parry, Bath's chairman, said be had told the RFU how seriously the club views such offences. "John was silly bot, baving said that, Plymouth were just as surprised as we were when be was sent off. There had been no warnings issued," he said. However, the addition of Webb will please Bath, After

winning 16 caps he had to withdraw from the England team that played Romania last May and has not recovered his

unions will act as trustees. The long-term intention is to help

provide a rugby education for

Tickets will be sold on a first-

come, first-served basis and the

match sponsors will give £100 to the appeal fund for every point

scored. In addition, they will present the Skilball Trophy to

the winning side, Skilball refer-ring to a computer-based ver-sion of spot-the-ball which will be released in May throughout

Britain and which, Golden Grid representatives hope, will help generate £100 million a year for

sport, including disabled sport, within four years,

his critics say is contrary to the open, attacking traditions of the French game. Paparemborde, a former

"The essential thing is to put an end to the isolation. At the moment, those who dare to speak can be counted on the

fingers on one hand.
"We must think to the future

of rugby but, for that, it is necessary that ideas can be

young Romanians.

lost his club place last month, and will now challenge Jonathan Callard, an England B tourist to Spain last year, as Bath's full back, There are hopes too, that Audiey Lumsden, another England B full back, who damaged his neck a year ago will be given. his neck a year ago, will be given the go-shead shortly to resume a playing career which, at one stage, looked to be over. Webb follows the path taken

six years ago by Stuart Barnes, the present Bath captain, who spent a season with Bristol at the end of his student days at Oxford. Though he was ap-proached by other clubs, Webb's options were limited since he is happy in his medical career in Bristol, but the proximity of

Bath, where he was due to train last night, and his admitted admiration for their coaching panel, will help him rebuild his challenge for the England full back position.

Europe united for Romania Eagles are on a flight to Ireland

The American Eagles make a flying visit across the Atlantic this week (David Hands writes). But whereas last year they lost to two English divisions, the South-West and the North, this season they pay their respects to Ireland, where they meet the Irish Students at Old Belvedere in Dublin this evening and, on Saturday, Ireland Under-25 in Limerick.

This is part of the American long-term development pro-gramme, it being as easy for them to gather their squad together in Britain as it is to bring them all from the east to the west of their own country. They include names that have become tolerably familiar since the 1987 World Cup - Nelson, Higgins, Lambert and Swords, for instance - while also gathering in two of their own studying at Oxford University, Gary at Oxford On.
Hein and Don James.

The Irish, also in need of some development after the disappointments of this season's five nations' championship, field a combined students team for the first time. It is hoped this will be the forerunner of a regular representative student team which will be able to take part in the student World Cup in Italy in 1992.

They include Nick Barry, who visited the United States and Canada with the senior Irish team last September, and Paddy Johns, who was added to the Ireland replacements in Paris at the weekend. Two Blues also find a place: Mark Egan, the new captain of Oxford, and Jim O'Callaghan, who was a Cambridge lock at Twickenham last December.

When the Ireland national side played the Eagles in New York six months ago, they won 32-7, but the Americans are now

32-7, but the Americans are now preparing for their World Cup qualifying tournament with Canada and Argentina.

BHSH STUDENTS: F O'Belm (UCS): J Harley (Queen's, Beltast), B Glemon (UCD), S Tonney (COMAD), S Geoghegan (London): N Barry (Waterford HTC), R Saumders (Queen's, Beltast); R Ward (Dublin), P Kenny (Dublin), C O'Brien (Dublin), K Gallick (Queen's, Belfast), P Jabans (Dublin), J O'Callaghan (Cambridge), M Egen (Oxford), K Devilin (Dublin City).

RUGBY LEAGUE

British squad delayed because of injuries

Malcolm Reilly, the Great Britain coach, will announce his squad for the match with France at Pepignon on March 18 within the next 48 hours, he said yesterday (Keith Macklin writes) Several key players were writes). Several key players were injured in Sunday's games.

Featherstone Rovers on

Brian Johnson, the Warring-ton coach, said that Gregory had been carrying the injury for some time. Other leading inter-

Headship on the double for **LMBC**

ROWING

By a Special Correspondent By a Special Correspondent

Lady Margaret made the double when they rowed over at the top of the Cambridge Lents to add the headship to that of the Mays. The deposed head boat. Pernbroke, never looked like recovering from being bumped the first night but successfully held off Trimity Hall for the third day running, although Hall had halved the 1½ start gap by the finish line.

finish line.

The next crew, Downing, were even closer, perhaps because they too were io danger, this time from Jesus and Closed within a canvas at Peter's

Post.
Among the women, Emmanuel made it look easy and were five lengths clear of the new challengers, Caius, who climbed three places during the week—Caius got to within three quarters of a length of Emmanuel before catching a crab at First Post Corner.

IV.

RETH DIVISION: Robinson II over over bod Eramanuel III; Rizzelliem III over ipod Thaclogicat Colleges; 19 & 3rd Trinkly IV bod St Edmand's House; Peterhouse III bod Pembrole IV; Clare IV bod St Catherine's III; Girton III bod Clare V; Queen's IV bod Sidney Susses; III.

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RACKETS

Moffat rallies partner to a final victory By Sally Jones

Robert Wakely, the Mariborough professional, and Andy Moffat defeated the favourites, Francis Williams and Terry Jones, to take the Professional Rackets Association Gallery Trophy at Winchester College.

Despite his lack of experience, Moffat played above himself in the rallies, cleverly slowing the pace and using the angles, particularly in the third game of the final, when he won a string of vital points. The consistent Wakely also looked sharp and determined, obviously relishing this event, which is designed to encourage newcomers and evening club players and give them experience of good-class play.

Encouragingly, the entry included a sprinkling of women, quite a novelty in this traditionally all-male game, and one even reached the Plate final after only a few months' playing rackets.

Moffat be O Barrett and T Milliam, 17-16, 15-18, 15-7, 7-16, 15-7; F Walants and J Tones be O Barrett and D Bakern, 18-8, 18-8, 18-8, 18-8, 18-8, 18-18,

MCC rescued by El Flaco

I was grateful that we were able to scrape together 200 in our allotted 60 overs. My sus-

picions about the pitch proved well founded as erratic and disconcerting bounce allied to the nagging medium pace of Argentina's opening bowler, Gooding, caused a top-order collapse. Three wickets fell in the space of three overs and only determined rearguard action by your correspondent and the corpulent Reeves prevented a

The Argentines are fond of giving picturesque nickgrames

D Brience b Gooding.

A Vaughen law b Gooding

J Henderson b Alfonso.

drug-taking in weightlifting will consider the details revealed in a

Sunday newspaper of how Ricky

Chaplin, one of two Welsh competitors found positive at the

Commonwealth Games in New Zealand, obtained the banned

Norman Jacobs, the solicitor and steward of the British Boxing Board of Control, who will chair the inquiry, said yesterday: "If, in the course of

our inquiry, firm evidence of this nead similar practices are put before us we will undoubtedly take it and the entire back-

FRANCE

ITALY

A violent tropical thunderstorm brought a swift end to our second one-day game against an Argentinian XI, ensuring a comfortable win for MCC on a firster scoring are supported by the second one-day game against an Argentinian XI, ensuring a comfortable win for MCC on a firster scoring are supported by the second one-day game against an experimental supported by the second one-day game against an fiftieth over, our partnership had added an invaluable 101

The Argentinian innings never recovered from the loss of two early wickets to Simon Dennis, of Glamorgan. Against tight bowling from Chris Farrell, who plays for Halifax in the Yorkshire League, and the leg spinner, Mark Boocock, their batsmen made little attempt to get ahead of the required run rate as the storm clouds

had procured them from Mike

Brown, a former chairman of the

Welsh Powerlifting Association.

The newspaper alleges that it has tape-recorded conversations

Runs Weather Last to + temp snow resort (5pm) °C fall

DRUGS IN SPORT

Inquiry to discuss

newspaper claims

By John Goodbody

The People newspaper alleged that Chaplin, who was stripped of a gold medal in the middle-weight (under 75kg) category in the Games, bought the drugs from Philip Elliott, a power-internal Amareur Weight-Liners Association, the governing body which is funded with tax-payers' money, and which asked the inquiry after a series of articles in The Times.

SNOW REPORTS

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Good skiing available on north facing slopes, lower
runs icy and patichy
Les Arcs 100 110 good spring good fine 5
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Obergurgi 130 170 good varied good fine Beautiful sunstine, pistes in excellent condition St Anton 50 340 good varied good sun Excellent skiling, all areas open except the Valluga, beautiful weather

Excellent sharing only in the control opened sharity
Tignes 180 280 good heavy good sur
All areas now open except the top of the Grande Motte
Val Thorens 100 190 good varied good sur
Superb skiling conditions, all lifts open

TTALY
Cervinia 150 300 good crud good f
Perfect snow conditions on piste, most lifts now open

SWITZERLAND
Grane Montana 65 250 good varied good sun
All runs open aftering good piste skiling with no queues
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Very good skiling on upper slopes, lower slopes now
becoming worn
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In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

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A century's fighting to

nee London Playing Fields Society will celebrate its cen-tenary of immense public ser-vice by today announcing a planned merger with another organization struggling to pro-vide sports facilities for young-

of Brown saying that he could obtain drags. When confronted by a reporter, who said that he knew of the links with Brown. The Annual General Meeting of the Society, which owns 131 acres of valuable playing fields around London, will hear de-Elliott was quoted as saying: "So tails of the scheme to integrate him. What has it got to do with with the Greater London Play-There is widespread crossing Fields Association, which does not possess any grounds but has been battling since 1927 fertilization of Olympic lifting and powerlifting, the two hranches of welghtlifting. to save playing-fields. The Char-ity Commissioners have to Both are controlled by the British Amateur Weight-Lifters agree to the merger.

of healthy exercise and wholesome recreation, and they claimed the support especially of public school and University men, and of all those who had heiped to uphold the national

games."
In 1898, the Society bought the freehold of Prince George's Playing Fields in Raynes Park, over which it already had a leasehold. This site is still

of the Society, said yesterday:
"There is as great a need as ever
to have playing fields, particu-larly in London. They are under 2/3 threat everywhere from devel-opers. We would be able to save even more of them, if we had more financial resources." The Society was in a parlous

financial state until the 1980s, when it sold some ground at Limehouse in Redbridge and the income was iovested. This has given the Society much of the finance for the running of its

play games

By John Goodbody sters in the capital.

Yesterday was the centenary of the founding of the Society. On July 16, 1890, at the Mansion House, the venue of the AGM today, an appeal was launched.

The next day The Times reported: "The committee appealed to all those who recognized the absolute necessity to the men and lads of a great city of healthy greating and whole.

owned by the Society.

Peter Nathan, the Chairman

VOLLEYBALL

optimistic that Twickenham will host another full house when their chosen XV plays a European XV on April 22 to raise funds for Romania. Ticket applications for the first significant match to be played on a Sunday at Twickenham are flooding in and the game itself will receive a £100,000 sponsor-ship from Golden Grid plc, a new company that is shortly to launch a new form of national

lottery with the aim of raising funds for charitable organizations. The four home unions XV will be chosen and prepared by Ian McGeechan and Roger Uttley, who formed such a harmonious and successful relationship as coaches to the British Isles in Australia last

year, although they next meet on opposite sides on March 17, as coach to Scotland and England respectively with the five nations' championship as the Selection will be made after

> place in New Zealand seven

autumn, and Paulo Bale, the

two respects from that which won last year (David Hands writes). Zinzan Brooke will lead the side into the tournament, with a back division including The newcomers are Graeme Bachop, the scrum half who woo his first cap on tour in Wales last

Canterbury wing. Australia, will be led by Michael Lynagh will be led by Michael Lynagh but have plucked from the obscurity of second-grade Brisbane club rugby a young backrow forward, Garrick Morgan.

NEW ZEALAND: J Gallagher (Wellington), P Base (Canterbury). T Wright (Auckland), J Schuster (Wellington). G Bechop (Canterbury). Z Brooke (Auckland, Captain), P Lam (Auckland, E Rush (Auckland, In Seymour (Lonterbury).

AUSTRALIA: Il Campese (New South Wales), T Horan, J Little. M Lynagh (captan), P Sintlery (all Queensland), S Toymussen (NSW), S Poldevin (NSW), Il Wilson I Queensland). G Morgan (Queensland).

New Zealand will defend their Cathay Pacific/Hong Kong Bank international sevens title

country.

Bachop wins a Paparemborde's blast at the French regime

Papremborde talked of the need for French rugby to find itself again, a clear reference to the style imposed by the national coach, Jacques Fouroux, which

The impetus for change within the hierarchy of French rugby has been intensified by a speech hy the former French inter-national prop forward, Robert

Paparemborde, capped 55 times, a record for a prop forward, called for changes within the Fédération Française de Rngby (FFR) which would challenge the rule of Albert Ferrasse, the FFR president.

Paparemborde, coach of the Racing Club de France, said: "I believe it would be good to see again the system of the election of the president operating within French rugby.

"It is possible henceforth to organize the votes so that everyone would feel really involved.
And to reduce the president's period of office to two terms which would make eight years.
That would seem to me also of public good health."

Paparemborde cited the writ-ten legal rules of the FFR as being highly restrictive. "The question I ask is that in 1990 is rugby outside the republic? The rights of meeting, of expression, are the fundamental rights rec-ognized by our constitution."

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Spark's fire surprises champions

Time Out Spark, who have flirted with relegation for most of the season, defeated Team Mizuno Malory, the champions,

io the men's first division of the Royal Bank English League at the weekend.

Malory's 12-15, 11-15, 15-8, 15-10, 11-15 defeat, their second in three matches by teams in the lower half of the table, came as they prepare to face Hilton Leeds in the English Cup final at Crystal Palace oo Sunday. With Polonia and Speedwell Rucanor also losing. Spark's

victory has not harmed Mal-

had the satisfaction of serving

ory's title hopes too severely. Rob Wiggett, the Spark coach,

Leasing Sale io the women's Cup final al Crystal Palace on

Sunday, have only two malches remaining, against Britannia,

In the women's first division, Brixton Knights last for the first time this season - to Hiltoo Leeds, 15-10, 11-15, 15-5, 5-15, Brixton, who face Sovereign

Speedwell Rucaoor hold a the champions, and Sale, who two-point lead over Malory, lie second and third in the sho have two matches in hand. who have two matches in hand.

Speedwell defeated Liverpool
City on Saurday, 15-11, 15-11,
14-16, 15-5 but lost to Hiltoo
Leeds the day after. 9-15, 14-16,
15-8, 15-8, 11-15. Polonia lost to
the uopredictable Star Aquila,
11-15, 12-15, 15-13, 17-16, 1511,
11 the women's first division. womeo's first divisioo title.

> ROYAL BANK NATIONAL LEAGUE: Mos First division: Liverpool 1, Speedwell 3, Star Aquila 3, Potonie 2; MGI Wessex 3, Poole 1; Staffs Moorfands 3, Dynamo 2; Leeds 3, Bristol 0; Time Out 3, Malory 2; Liverpool 3, Bristol 0; Leeds 3, Speedwell 2, Women: Finst division: MGI Wessex 2, GP Scorptons 3; Leeds 3, Briston 2; Sale 5, Ashcombe 2; Dynamo 0, Britannia 3.

One of the main worries is Mike Gregory, the Warrington captain, who took over from Ellery Hanley as Great Britain captain against New Zealand during Hanley's absence through injury. Gregory is having treatment on an Achilles tendon. He had to retire at halftime in the match against

nationals being treated are Joe Lydon and Andy Gregory, of Wigan. Lydon has a leg injury and Gregory a bruised shin after the game at Leeds. St Helens are hoping to

arrange a reserve match against Castleford to give a run out to their Welsh half back, Jonathan Griffiths, who has not played since December 23 because of a

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closed. All lifts closed due to high winds, attpacted to open today. Glencoe: snow level, 2,000h; vertical runs, 1,600h. Fluns: upper and lower, complete, hard pack; loy patchas; access roads, area stormbound; cheirlifts and tows closed.

Forecast: The eastern resorts should start dry and bright with light westerly winds, but will deferiorate bringing cloud and periods of heavy rain into Anacch Nor and Glencoe. Strong to gale-force westerly winds are also thely. Temperatures will be mild as freezing lovels rise to 5,000ft or above during the day.

Outlook: Today will be mild, although by temorrow strong winds with some heavy rain will have returned. Thursday will be cold with wintry showers on the hits. Remaining windy, possibly easing a little.

Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office. tows, five operating.
Lackt anow level, 2,000ft; vertical runs, 700ft. Runs: main, most complete, some narrow: beginner limited, than cover; access rusts tows, two closed. Assach Mor: snow level, 2,200ft; vertical runs, 1,700ft. Runs: upper and lower, complete, wet snow, wide runs; access, apade clear; gostiols, chainfit and lows.

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Turner says Mutch may leave Wolves if the price is right

League if Aston Villa offered know what I am saying." enough money for Andy

forward partner by accusing mind them of attempting to sign bim at below his market price. With such transfer talk continuing between the two clubs, approach manager-to-man- be on Mutch tonight when ager or chairman-to-chair-man, then we'll talk to them," he said. "If they want to go

through the side door, trying to get players on the cheap, then we don't want to know." sign Bull, has been reported on a local radio station to be ready to pay £800,000 for the other half of the duo that has led the Molineux club from the fourth division to a challenging position for of their depth in the second promotion to the first.

Graham Turner, the manager interest in Mutch, but pointed Saturday took them up to of Wolverhampton Wander-out that the player has a back sixth place, very much in ers, hinted yesterday that he injury. He added: "There are contention for the play-offs. would consider breaking up two acceptable ways to make But Portsmouth, who have one the most prolific scoring an approach. Neither has happartnerships in the Football pened here. Greekers we'll pened here. Graham will

Turner's comments appeared to be an invitation to Turner reacted sharply to make an official approach, reports of the interest from his though he could well have a former club in Steve Bull's figure of £1 million-plus in

If Aston Villa make an the spotlight will, inevitably, Wolverhampton visit Ports-

Mutch, a less flamboyant player than Bull, but no less hard working, is in the Wolverhampton team, where Taylor, who has previously made unsuccessful attempts to justify the £800,000 fee that has been mocoted, but to help maintain his club's surge up the second division table.

Wolverhampton, who began the season looking out division, have improved to Taylor, however, would neisuch effect that the impressive cather confirm nor deny an 3-2 win at Blackburn on it.

staged something of a revival themselves since the return of Frank Burrows as manager, will be no easy touch.

The spectre of relegation. present for the second time in three seasons at Fratton Park. may have been eased somewhat, but it is still the chief concern of their former man-ager, Alan Ball, whose Stoke City side are in danger of becoming marooned at the foot of the table. Inswich, whose own climb up the table has lost some of its momentum in recent weeks, are the visitors threatening to add to Ball's discomfort tonight. Bradford, two places and three points better off than

Stoke, also have the kind of potentially hazardous fixture they could have done without, after being besten 4-1 at home on Saturday by Sheffield United. Bradford go to Swindon Town who, whatever their faults off the pitch, seem

Romario severe loss to PSV

Oversens football by Keith Blackmore

PSV Eindhoven found their best tackle with Gentile, of Den form in the Dutch league on Sunday but lost perhaps their most important player in the He had already scored twice

most important player in the process.

The Brazilian forward. Romario, the leading scorer in the league this year and last, fractured his right fibula in a scarcely have come at a more

Shamrock Rovers 1; University College Dahlin O, Durdalk 3. Lending positions Julier 28 games; 1. SP Publick's Athletic, 44pis; 2, Darry City, 42; 3, Dundalk, 37. Zendaza Bydgoszcz 1; Jagelichai Belayezik 1, Zeglebia Lobin 1; Gornik Zebzze 3, Pauch Chorzow 0; Wielse Kralow 1, Olimpia 1; Widzew Lodz 0, Motor Lubin 0; GloS Kalloydeo 0, LKS Lodz 1; Stat Maleb 0, Legie Warsziere 0, Landing seablions other 16 moschests 1; GKS Kalloydeo

OVERSEAS LEAGUE RESULTS

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Passethinikos 4, Parinches); 1, Parnathinaikos 4, Parinchesis 1, Parnathinaikos 4, Signi; 2, Clymplakos 3, 4; 3, AEK, 53.

NUMBARIARI: Bahaacasta 8, Honvad 2;
Biotok 2, Vasapram 0; Determon 2, Mirk-VM, Budapest 1; Ferenceros 3, Poca 6; Upeat decas 1, Ruba Elo Gyor 0; Videokon 1, Vasas Budapest 1; Capeal 6, Tastabarya 1; Izzo Vico, 1, Haindes Szombethely 1, Laeding poeli-love; 1, Upeat Dozas 4, 800 pc; 2, Mirk-VM, Budapest, 50; 8, Poca, 33.

ITALIARI: Astarista 8, Biologna 0; Casena 2, Bell 2; Fjorantian 0, Cramonese 0; Verona 2, Univeas 6; Lacio 2, Internacionale 1; Laco 0, Poma 2; AC Millim 2, Apobl 1; Lace 0, Roma 1; Sampdoría 0, Juvenbra 0, Lasding positione galver 27 respirate; 1, AC Millim, 420s; 2, Nighte, 40; 3, Internacionale, 35.

LEAGUE OF INELAND: Bohemiste 1, Athlone Town 0; Deny City 3, Galvay Ustied 6; Droghede Urised 2, Steinbourne 2; Limarick City 1, Cork City 3; St Pastick's Athletic 5,

4, Feirernie C; Nacional Madulina D, Maritimo D.
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Porto, Siptor 2, Bentica, 35; 6, Guinames, 34,
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Sporting Gildo D, Cessalio Valencia 4, Real
Vallecial 3; Cález 1, Real Zyragoza- t;
Millagat S, Adhétic Rithao 1; Seritio 1, Real
Medid 2; Tenerifis 1, Baroutons 4, Leading
positions (after 28 tratiches): 1, Real Matrid,
45pt; 2, Adélico Matrid, 37; 3, Valencia, 37, SOpts; 2, Trabcon, 48; 3, Fenerbeitge, 48.
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Worder Brechen B. Homburg & Kaleersteusern
1, 5V Hemburg 3; Beyer Levertosen 0,
Cologne 2; Borssels Doroxind 3, Borsels
Mondengladbach 0; Fortuna Disselont 0,
Nursenberg Q; VRS Stattgert 1, VR. Bochum 0;
Bayer Usrdingen 1, Entracht Frankfurt 1;
Bayern Munich 2, Walchof Manchelm 8,
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2, Entracht Frankfurt 51; 3, Cologne 30,
VUGOSLAV; Velez Mostar 3, Fileira 2; Borac
Bartis Luka 0, Bistischorer Trogrand 1; Radnicht
Nie 1, Sarajevo 0; Coljek 8, Red Ster Beigrade
1; Zeljaznicar Sarajevo 0, Dinama Zagrab 0,
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Subotion 2; Volvodina Novi Sed 3, Sidoode
Tuzta 1; Radnick Solt 3, Olimpia Liabiaria 1;
Partizan Beigrade 9, Red Beigrade 2; Leeding
positions (after 22 greathes); 1, Dinamo,
Süpta; 2, Red Star, 29; 3, Hejduk, 24.

unwelcome time, only three months before the World Cup finals and three days before the first leg of his club's European Cup quarter-final against Bayera Munich in West Germany.
Romario would have missed the first match of the World Cup

the first match of the World Cup through suspension in any case, but he will also miss Brazil's preparations which begin on April 25. More immediately, his injury deepens the problems of Gus Hiddink, the PSV coach, who must also do without Koot and Kaluska Bwalya, who are injured, and await the outcome of a fitness test on Soren Lerby, the Danish midfield player.

AC Milan, who play Meche-

AC Milan, who play Mechelen in the European Cup, recovered from a rare lapse by their sweeper, Franco Baresi, to retain their position at the top of the Italian first division. Natural made of bearing. ples, made hard work of keeping pace with the leaders. Without Maradona, who was injured, they seemed likely to do no better than draw with Genoa, who had been reduced to 10 men when Rotella was sent off in the second half, until Francini

Azeglio Vicini, the coach to the national team, watched a goalless draw between Sampleria and Juventus but, the result notwithstanding, he will have been encouraged by the sight of Gianni Vialli making his first appearance of the wear after injury.

Two goals in the last five minotes allowed Real Madrid to increase their lead at the top of the Spanish first division to nine points. Butragueño and Sánchez produced the goals which ended the resistance of Seville. John Aldridge enjoyed another good day, scoring twice for Real Seciedad as they beat Rayu Vallecane 4-1.

In France, Bordeaux lost 3-0 to Cannes, a result which should encourage Marsellles, four points behind Bordeaux with The Chancellor presides over silver collection



Trophy cabinet: John Major, the Chancellor of the Exchequer (centre) holds the NatWest one-day trophy during the Business of Sport exhibition at the House of Commons yesterday. He is flanked by Colin Moynihan (left), the Minister for Sport, with the Beefeater trophy for the Boat Race, and Denis Howell, the former Minister for Sport, with the Barclays Football League Trophy, which is presented to the first division champions

ICE SKATING: ATTENTION FOCUSED ON JUDGING PERFORMANCES IN CANADA

Browning poised to retain title

From John Hennessy Halifax Nova Scotia

Kurt Browning, the Canadian holder of the men's figure skating title, assumed pole position in the world champion-ships after yesterday's compulsories. True, he was besten by Richard Zander, but the German, a figure specialist. the German, a figure specialist, is unlikely to be where it matters after the men's final on Thurs-

It was a taut struggle which left only one of the first seven placings, Zander's, unchanged after the first figure. Two of the men to suffer were Browning's maio challengers, Viktor Petrenko, of the Soviet Union, and Christopher Bowman, of the United States. Browning

man, now seventh, was similarly replaced by his compatriot, Todd Ekiredge.

Steven Cousins, of Britain, was 25th, slaughtered unmercifully by Joan Noble, the British judge. She gave him 1.9 for the first mark and 2.1 for the second. Donna Gately, Cousins's trainer, tightened her lips afterwards and offered an icy "no comment". icy "no comment". The couples take the stage today, the ice dancers for their

compulsories and the pairs for their original programme. Al-together there are 44 couples involved, though you might be forgiven for thinking that there

The electrifying performance of Isabelle and Paul Duchesnay in the European championships third in the free-skating and the

berated round the skaring world, nowwhere more strongly than in Canada. Isabelle and her brother, born of a French mother and Canadian father, compete for France only because the Canadians failed to recognize their potential in their formative water.

The cognoscenti here, to-gether with informed members of the public, are fascinated to see whether or not the Duchesnays will be given a better deal by the judges than in Leningrad. Leningrad.
There is one important new

factor in the equation. The referee here will be Lawrence Demmy, once world champion himself, who publicly expressed his anger in Leningrad when the

overall positions, and even fourth in the free dance, by the representatives of the Soviet Union and Hungary.

The referee has a powerful influence on the consistency of the constitution of the properties of the constitution it will be surprising if the French-Canadian couple do not

wind up second here to the holders, Marina Klimova and Sergei Ponomarenko, of the Soviet Union, rather than third behind another couple from Moscow, Maia Usova and Alexander Zhulin. The luck of the draw has also fallen France's way. Neither the Soviet Unioo nor Hungary, whose compatri-ots just happen to be the

Duchesnays principal oppo-nent, has a judge on the panel. Britain will be represented by and their colleagues from Slough, Ann Hall and Jason Bloomfield. YACHTING

Edwards's crew sees lead vanish

From Barry Pickthall Punta del Este

L'Esprit de Liberté took line honours in the small boat division of the Whitbread Round the World Race, arriving off here at 03:25 GMT yesterday. With Tracy Edwards and her all-female crew on Maiden struggling to bester three knots in the light airs more than 100 miles from the finish, their 16-hour overall lead has gone.

Also caught out by the listless winds was Andrew Coghill's cruiser, With Integrity. After making only 0.8 of a knot, and 44 miles from the finish, the veteran yacht has relinquished her lead in her class to John Chittenden's Creightons

The international jury has The international Jury has credited the French yacht, Charles Jourdan, with 3½ hours and given 1hr 52min to UBF Finland for the time lost during the rescue of Martela OF. A request by Pierre Fehlmann for an extra hour to the 8hr 8min given to his Swiss maxi, Merit, was refused.

Joe English, of Ireland, got away with a warning from the jury for passing the wrong side of the finish line in his yacht, NCB. He said the buoy was not lit and they had been blinded by

Creignions (compiled at 13:54 6MT yes, positions (compiled at 13:54 6MT yes, torder) with miles to Punta del Este Division 3: 2, Schlusset von Brennen (F. Persch, WG), 44; 3, Maiden (T. Edwards GB), 144; 4, Lis Poste (B. Maile, F.), 238 Electrons, Scott (El. Dutols, B.)

TENNIS: LTA CONCERN THAT MANCHESTER EVENT COULD BE ECLIPSED BY WIRRAL TOURNAMENT

Becker's return to Wirral

By Andrew Longmore, Tennis Correspondent

tis Becker, has settled his differences with the organizers of the Wirral International tour-

£588,000) bouns, offered by the organizers for anyone winning both the Wirral International and Wimbledon last year was not paid, but he has accepted the explanation of the tournament director, Mike Ross, that the offer had been made on the original entry list, which did not include Becker, and withdrawn as soon as Becker's late entry

According to Becker and his management, the matter is now closed and the world champion cosed and the world champion could be back at the Ashton Club on June 18 to complete his

preparations for Wimbledon which starts a week later. Becker's acceptance of the of the Wirral International tournament and could return to defend his title in June.

Becker had initially been unhappy that a \$1 million (about \$250,000 (about £140,000) Wirral International, But Ian Peacock, executive director of the LTA, suggested yesterday that the decision might not be so

"Becker is not going to sa but that is not relevant. You can't offer \$1 million and then change your mind about it halfway through the tournament. There is still some

concern about the incident and the management committee will take that into consideration when they make their decision For their part, Ross and the organizers of the Warral are

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upset that the whole issue has been brought up again by the LTA and are considering their next move. They feel that the LTA are deliberately obstructevent in Manchester in the same week. John Feaver, tournament director of the LTA, denies the accusations. "We are the last people to turn away anyone who

ants to belp the game," he said. Official LTA sanction or not - and the Wirral could go ahead without one - Becker's return to the north-west could depend on his performance in the French Open. If he reaches the final, he will probably miss the Stella Artois at Queen's and play the Wirral; if he loses early he will

Navratilova recovers to find her old form

From Barry Wood, Indian Wells

A degree of vulnerability was in evidence as Martina Navra-tilova defeated Helena Sukova 6-2, 5-7, 6-1, to win the Virginia Slims of Indian Wells.

Playing supremely well, the No. 1 seed led by a set and 5-2 and held a match point at 5-3. Until that stage, Sukova had mixed some punishing passing thats with a leaver number of shots with a larger number of volleying errors, but faced with defeat she raised her game, served better and kept the ball in

Navratilova responded in the way she often does, by bordering panic and despair. Her superiority withered as her shots sailed 10ft out of court. After saving two break points as the

final set got under way, she

turned to her athletic best. was able to get myself together," Navratilova, who has won three events in three weeks, said. Her primary aim this year is to win her record ninth Wimble

nulled herself together and re-

don title, and if that includes beating Graf so much the better. To that end, Navratilova will follow last year's pattern and forego the French Open, choosing instead to play at Edghaston, although she still has to of-ficially commit herself there and at Eastbourne.

"I hope I can change Steffi. I've made my statement with these three tournaments," she said: "The work has paid off and we'll go on."

BOWLS

Read sees Cherwell through

By Gordon Allan

Cherwell, of Oxford, skipped by Bernice Trafford, survived an catra-end finish against Croy-don yesterday to advance to the semi-finals of the English wom-en andoor fours championship

Cherwell won 18-16 after a see-saw match in which Croydon, skipped by Theima Barton, a former winner, seemed to have E slight edge. Croydon scored a single on the last official end to tie the game at 16-16 and then held E couple of shate on the avera and shots on the extra end.

But Liz Read, the Cherwell No. 3, with her high, circling action, trailed the jack with her second bowl, and after Trafford had drawn in for another shot, Barton was unable to retrieve Norma Shaw, another past champion, skipped her Teesside

rink to a 17-13 success over Norfolk and Norwich. Io the singles, Jayne Roylance, Sharon Rickman and Janet Tomlin qualified for the last eight with comfortable wins. Gill Smith found a stubborn opponent in Shirley Comen but, after seeing an early lead whittled down,

an carry lead whittled down, carrie through 21-16.

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BASKETBALL BASKETBALL

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CRICKET TABLE TENNIS

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CALGARY, Alberte: World Cap two-marc 1, O huber and M Russon (N.), Sinh 52,43 sec; 2, C Lort and K Lebbers (Can), 352,44; 8, C Schobitz and K Schmuck (WG), 352,80, British placings: 8, M Yout and V Bramble, 354,11; 9, N Phipps and E Horter, 354,24; 14, C Devis and P Field, 359,57, Finel World Cap placings: 1, Schebitz, 1820ts: 2, G Hayderket (Can), 132,3 s. M Policans (USSR), 130, British placing: 14, Phipps, 82. CYCLING

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ROCKINGHAM POWERT RC: 60-mile road
race: 1, S Ferrel (Tunstall Wheelers), 2ir
Z7min 25eac; 2, I Gilles (Blacon Coursus),
same time; 3, T Watson (Invicta RC), at 12

ETON FIVES SHEELWINDLINY: Northern Championship: Seasi-finals: M Moore and A Carrier bt A R Ryler and R Newson, 12-9, 12-9, 12-15, 10-12, 15-10; G Williams and E Wass bt M Williams and A Hughes, 12-7, 12-0, 12-8, Plant Williams and West bt Moore and Carrier, 9-12, 6-12, 12-9, 12-4, 12-9, Pearlivel Strat: M Mitchell and A Walters bt M Fenn and J Fenn, 9-2, 2-12, 13-8, 13-8.

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AHTT, Finland: World Cup: Combined event-19km: crose country: 1, P Sazzunid Frn) 38min 18.4sec; 2, V Savin (USSI) 38:19.2; 3, 7 Eden (Norj. 38:19.6, Combined 38:19.2; 3. T Exten (Nor), 38:19.6. Combined (six jumping and cross country); 1. K Apelen (Nor); 2. A Levendr (USSR); 3. K Suizambecher (Austra). Woold Crox 1. Suizambecher (Austra). Woold Crox 1. Suizambecher (Austra). Woold Crox 1. Suizambecher (1975); 2. Levendr, 12th 3. Apelen (Nor). 11: 15min 16.5sec; 2. V Ulwaya (Nor). 11:55.55.9; 3. L Heland (Swe). 1:18.04.1. World Crox 1. Liveng. 12t; 2. Deeble, 118; 3. G Svan (Swe). 59. 4 s Skm wowsen's cross country relay: 1. Norway 1th Crox 8. Black 2. Soylet Urloo. 1:00:14.5; 3. Finisend. 1:00:50.1. World Crox 1. Soviet Urloo. 1:00:14.5; 3. Finisend. 1:00:50.1. World Crox 1. Soviet Urloo. 1:00:14.5; 3. Finisend. 1:00:50.1. World Crox 1. 20:14.5; 4. P. Mitchell (State of Country). 2:17.5; 2. V. Levendr, (D. 211.3; 3. A. P. Mitchell (Fin.). 2:10. World Crox 1. C Vezzori (Austra).

ORIENTEERING shipe: Macr. 12.5km; 1, A Junitainen (Fin), 37min 05se; 2, V Bartjaminsen (Not), 35-12, 6, A Bjortman (Swo), 36:56, 23.2km; 1, Bjortman, 1hr 34min 11se; 2, S Matitoon (Swe), 123-57; 8, Benjaminsen, 138-01, Women: 9.2km; 1, R Bratberg (Nor), 34:06; 2, V Junitainen (Fin), 34:11; 3, Hammus (Swe), 34:25, 13-9km; 1, Bratberg, 1:11:35; 2, Hannus, 1:12:23; 3, A Zell (Swe), 1:12:35.

CHEEP'S CLUB: Handicap weekend: Sta-slee: Coarter-finate: M Happell bt J Sincialr, 25-19; J Robertson bt OlderDoxeld, 25-24; O Wattims bt M Lingens, 21-20; S Thompson bt R Boyle, 25-21. Semi-finatis: Happell bt Robertson, 24-19; Wattims bt Thompson, 24-20. Finat: Happell bt Wattims, 25-18, Openiose: Finat: M Happell and Hon FW J Comwells bt T Cockcroft and L Kingsley, 25-20. OURSEN'S CLUR: Handloop weekend: Singles Courter-finale: T Cockcroft bt M Rowen.
9-2: N Pormercy bt T Daly, 7-2: P Wisson bt R
Peel, 9-4; J Snow bt P Jones, 10-3. Seed-finals: Snow bt Wilson, 12-1; Pormercy bt Cockcroft, 7-5. Finals: Snow bt Pormercy, 13-0.
Doobles: Secol-finals: M Happell and St Manuace Purpleptote-Affirmation bt J Turner and Doubless: Sean-Analist. M. Happell and Str Merrym Durnington-Jefferson bt J Turmer and J Robertson B-1: S King and N Duckworth bt J Wilson and O Case, 8-4. Flanck Happell and Durnington-Jefferson bt King and Duckworth, 8-5. Doubles (B division): Sean-Seate: T Dely and M Plynon bt P Wilson and R Fedows 8-5; J Harries and R Eyles wo 8. Biocuze and V Petitot (Fr.) Finalt Daly and Pignon bt Herries and Eyles, 8-3.

CLUB MATCH: Newbridge 27, Cross Keys 8. SUBSEX PLATE CUP: Pulborough 17, Old SUSSEX PLATE NAME TO SERVICE SERVICE TO SERVICE SERVICE SERVICE SERVICE SERVICE SUCKING NAME THE CUP. Plant Avicebury 8, High Wycombe 18, STUDENTS UNDER 21 INTERNATIONAL England 40, Combined Services 3 (at Briston), SCHOOLS MATCH: Under-13; Bristol 4, Mammahine 32.

RUGBY LEAGUE

ARMHERIK Europeen altrum chemptonehlpur Artifel (mart; 1, J.P. Arnat (Fr), 596 (world record), + 101.7, 597-7; 2, Y Feddin (USSR), 596, + 101.6, 597.6, Euritah placing; 28, C Hector, 593, Air pistol (man); 1, J. Piotrzak (Pd), 585, + 100.8, 865.2; 2, B Kobrew (USSR), 583, + 100.8, 869.3, British placings; 8, M Gaut, 576; 23, P Leatherdale, 572; 43, S Haynes, 568. Air pistol (women); 1, N Satistoustra (USSR), 388, + 97.6, 485.8; 2, J Sekaric (Yug), 365, + 96.8, 483.8, British placings; 21, C Page, 370. Air pistol (teams); 1, Soviet Union, 1,740; 2, Indy, 1,733; 6, British; 1,779 (British Incorod), Russaling largett, 1, T Helispetad (Nor), 566, + 90, 668; 2, M Jakostis (MRS), 569, + 77, 63 Orther backing: 17, J Maridison 645 (British racord).

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GYMNASTICS FARRAX, Virginis: Anarcan Cap: Overall: Mac: 1. A Kolyvanov (USSR), 57.650yte: equal 2. R Büchner (Et3). L Ringmald (US), 57.600. Wenser 1. K Zmerkal (US), 39.619-2, N Kalsirin (USSR), 39.450; 3, M Kosuge (Japan), 39.111.

HANDBALL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: Group A (In Czachoslovakia): Pool A: Swadon 25, Hun-gary 20; France 23, Algeria 20. Pool It: Czechoslovakia 29, South Korea 24; Romania 24, Switzerland 18. Pool C: Yugostevia 27, testand 25; Spain 29, Cube 38, Pool D: Soviet Union 34, East Germany 19; Poland 25, Jupan 17. 17. Semi-finelis: Merc Ruistip Englas 28, Tryst 77 25 (act and mutden deeting Great Dane 27, Marschester United SSS 38. Women: Hallewood Town Ladies 18, Marfield Metros 17 (set). IDCAND LEAGUE Merc Hull University 37, ston University 5: Warveck Jaguers 30, earn Calor 20; Olympia C 32, Hull University

16. BOYS UNIDER-10 CHAMPIONS finel, second leg: Cardinal Griffin Leicester 73 10 (agg: 60-29). SQUASH RACKETS PROUGHTY FERRY: Scotlish justice champ-ierushipse (Brise Linder-18: E Donatdson (Manchesser) bt H Nicoli (Edinburgh), 10-8, 9-3, 9-8, Under-16: C Waddell (Elion) bt W Mattland (Carborn), 9-4, 9-1, 9-5, Linder-16: P Remno (Alderlay Edga) bt L McKenna (Collaton, Edinburgh), 9-4, 9-6, 5-9, 7-9, 9-5, Inder-12: T Mattland (Garroch) bt 12 Davis (Grove Perk, Manchester), 9-0, 9-5, 9-2, Boyse (Inder-16: P Nicol (Marchest bt J Yarrow Under-12: T Mattend (Garioch) Int II: Davide Growe Park, Menchastery, 9-0, 9-6, 9-2: Boyer Under-13: P Nicol (Aberdeen) bt J Yarrow (Bridge of Allen), 9-8, 9-3, 9-5. Under-14: McAster (Concorde Liverpool) bt R Campbell (Bridge of Allen), 9-5, 5-8, 9-2, 9-9. Under-14: G Grant (Gerioch) bt C Hamilton (Southport), 9-7, 5-9, 10-9, 9-2. Under-12: G Wandell (Elion) bt C Gray (Colinton Edinburgh), 9-3, 9-2, 9-4.

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Tornbe (t), 134,07; 3, M Strutz (Austral, 135,37; 4, T Orache (lep), 135,50; 5, K
Ladotastine (t), 135,85; 6, P Zurbriggen
(Switz), 136,12; cqual 7, P Blencht (Fr) and R
Stampatti (ti), 136,82; 0, O Blotnet (Fr),
136,33; 10, J Polig (t), 136,41, Leading
positione: 1, Sittner, 135; 2, O C Furnanti
(Nor), 81; 3, B Garnain (Austria), 80; 4, M
178,04er (Austria), 65; 8, K Ladotastiner (ti), 98;
6, P Accold (Switz), 55; 7, J Nitsson (Swe), 56;
8, O Robe, 53; 8, Zurbriggen, 46; equal (0, 6;
18 orito; Austria) and Strotz, 48.
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Strotz, 225,251; 8, R (Food (Santria), 225,34; 4,
J Wattner (Swe), 225,38; 3, L-B Erfenson
(Swe), 220,32; 6, G Mader (Austria), 228,11;
7, Bittner, 228,13; 3, Furnaesh, 228,22; 0,
Zurbriggen, 228,35; 10, T Chronn (Yug),
226,63, Final positione: 1, Furnaeth, 80;cs; 2 Zurbriggen, 228.29; 10. T Ctoren (Yugi, 288.35, Final positions: 1, Financiti, 90 pp.; 2, Mader, 95, 5, Strötz, 71; 4, Krol, 65; 5, Eriksson, 56; 8, Zurbriggen, 45; 7, Bittner, 45; 6, F Nierick (Austrial, 42; 8, Hybrard, 35; 18, H Pierum (Switz), 31. Overselt: 1, Zurbriggen, 302(x); 2, Financin, 20; 6, Mader, 20; 6, Eturner, 153; 5, H Hollehmer (Austria), 138; 6, Strotz, 131; 7, A Skaardaf (Nov), 122; 8, Eriksson, 112; 0, P Accola, 105; 10, F Piecard (F1), 101.

RUPDIBLOR CUP: 1, D Mackie (GB); 2, K F Walesmann (Switz); 8, P G Barry (SA); equal 4, P H C Rabl and J Ludescher; 5, S G B BArriey Armstrong move Northern Ireland international vesterday signed for the Irish league club, Glenavon. Armstrong, aged 35, is expected to make his debut in a County Antrim Shield home tie again Cliftonville on Friday night.



Counties to vote down four-day plan

The structure of England's cricket administration will be seriously questioned this week, if, as seems depressingly certain, the reactionaries within the Test and County Cricket Board deny the game its overdue revolution.

Despite the avowed support of players, coaches and everyone associated with the England team, the four-day county championship recom-mended by the board's cricket committee is set to be sacrificed on the altar of paro-

The response, from those with the wider interests of English cricket at heart, is unlikely to be compliant.

A hectic round of canvassing, aimed at setting county members against the plan, appears to have won the day. The board's two-day spring meeting, starting at Lord's

there is a grim acceptance among the proposers that the counties will vote it down by a margin as high as 11-6. The biggest concession likely is a small increase in the existing number of four-day matches.

Nothing could be more ironical than the likelihood of England committee. Ted Dexter's contract is up for renewal. . the reactionaries using, in their evidence, the fact of He need have no concerns. It will be extended for a second England's Test win last week. year and his team of observers. If the West Indies can be those former county cricketers beaten, they may say, there is nothing wrong with the county game as it stands. who assessed players on his This conventiently over-looks the way in which Eng-

land prepared for this tour in the months after their domes-

tic season ended. Micky Stew-

art and Graham Gooch,

alarmed by the effects of the

county programme and the way it is approached, con-centrated the minds of their

players on the longer game. They preached occupation of

the crease, off-stump bowling

tinue in that role. A proposal on pitches, put forward by a working party led

ng the salient issues other

then four-day cricket to be

discussed at the TCCB's meet-

ing today and tomorrow is the

future of the chairman of the

mands of a frequently artificial three-day game.

It has worked. At Sabina
Park, last week, English batsmen were at last seeking to bat for long periods, as Test cricket demands, while the English bowlers, freed from the negative leg-side theories and other such fundamental which clutter their county venience certain counties virtues which had become lives, were a revelation. financial arrangements; he buried amid the chaotic de- Without exception, the 16 believes it is the way ahead.

by Donald Carr, is that the efinition of an unfit pitch "take into consideration a pitch which often exaggerates sideways movement where the ball consistently dominates the bat".

umpires would be asked to bear in mind that ideally pitches should not be green in appearance. If the ran does his job properly, then the working party believes there should not be

players in this party are in favour of the four-day game for its cricketing benefits. I include Gooch, whose county secretary, Peter Edwards, has been a vociferous leader of the anti-brigade. Gooch understands that playing 16 four-day matches would inconence certain counties financial arrangements; he

any need for artificial watering later than one week before the

The cricket committee of the TCCB has recommended that a convex-faced bat designed by a Kent company and Chris-topher Cowdrey "specifically for slogging" should be banned. The TCCB will be looking for backing on this from MCC. It is a decade since Dennis Lillee's infamous illegal. Another recommendation is that a county gaining a

four-day championship is the first essential step," he says. Every county match should be an event that players can prepare for. As things stand, this is impossible. I have seen a young seam bowier asked to bowi with the new ball on 23 consecutive days. How can we

produce quick bowlers with

that sort of programme?

finals of the Beuson and Hedges Cap will in future be able to play a county from the same qualifying group.

The TCCB also plans to investigate wider use of public light meters, similar to the ones used at Old Trafford. These indicate the state of the conditions to the public and are a useful ally for unpires.

The meeting is also likely to agree to an experiment with machine-stitched balls in the second XI championship on the grounds that they may be

The claims of the opposition are that counties will lose membership and struggle to sell corporate entertainment, while having to give up some traditional festivals. Emotively put, such arguments have persuaded various wavering committees. They ought to be ashamed of their

Loss of membership would

be neglible and corporate boxes would still be sold if the 16 games were sensibly scheduled and faith in the new product was established by pitches designed to last the distance. Festivals can happily survive on one four-day and two one-day games.

Counties would need to adapt. Certain complacent routines would have to change. But it is so obviously a better and fairer competition and so patently of benefit to the England team, that the counter-arguments seem fri-

volous.
A chance to improve our cricket is, it seems being thrown away. The reaction of some, whose years of work on the reforms are threatened with redundancy, may well be to propose a division of the TCCB, so that those whose local selfishness precludes any concessions to the general good, in future have power only over local matters. Now that suggestions really will provoke fascinating debate.

Fear of drawing a TV By Richard Evens Media Editor

END COLUMN

top sport is in danger of being blacked out by the planned financial free-for-all surrounding the screening of big events. For the first time, independent Television News is not covering an England cricket tour in the West Indies after refusing to pay £50,000 for

news rights.
"We believe there is a point of principle in this and there are real problems for the Reluctions be future in the coverage of major sporting events for news pro-grammes," David Manufes, the associate editor of IIN,

with the Government with the water had proposing to allow sports bod-ies and authorities to sell the television rights for 10 "listed" events, such as Wimbledon and the FA Cap Final, to the highest bidder, ITN chiefs fear they could be prevented from covering the news element of top sporting

ITN wants a distinction to be made by people marketing television rights for sports events between broadcasters providing straight nows coverage and those offering extended coverage of the sporting occasion - such as ball-by-ball screening of Test match.

> Concern over 'pricing out'

"priced out" by the auctioning of television sports rights has prompted the Indep Broadcasting Authority to see Home Office officials. The IBA, which regulates commercial television, wants the Broadcasting Bill changed to guarantee news access to the 10 listed events.

Although the present Test series is not one of the 10 prized events, owing to it being staged outside Ex Mannion believes the diffi culties ITN has encou highlight the potential per-lems facing television accororganizations.

Mark McCormack's Trans World International, which handled all television rights for the Test series on behalf of the West Indian Cricket Board, originally asked ITN for £50,000 for news rights subsequently reduced £40,000.

ITN offered £15,000 for the first three Tests with an option to pay extra for the remain games, depending on the state of the series.

Given that the news broadcasts screened by ITN would have been short, Mannion believes the company was being asked to pay more per minute than Sky, which has bought the rights to live coverage, and the BBC, which provides an evening summary.

"We wished to cover the series purely as a news event," Mannion says. "Although we understand the world is charging, and it is legitimate for an organization which has a marketable event to make a commercial gain, we felt TWI should treat companies who wished to cover the event purely for news differently.

GOLDE: Bow, A Lighton (King's, St. Thomas's Hospital and Downing), R Smith, Ghresbury and Trinity Hell, J. Filich (Kingston Gransher and Homerton), A Restew (Magna Chester Comprehensive and Downing), Y Casson (St. Andrew's College, University of Cape Town and Downing), A Eder (St. Paul's and Trinity Hell), M. Beyses (Prysiston and Downing), A Eder (St. Paul's and Trinity Hell), M. Beyses (Prysiston and Downing), A Eder (St. Paul's and Trinity Hell), M. Beyses (Prysiston and Downing), A Eder (St. Paul's and Trinity Hell), M. Beyses (Prysiston and Comprehensive and Magdalane), Landard, Hervard Church), R. Sheep (Bingley Grammer, Downing, Cambridge and Menton), K. Poole (Magdalane), D. Jehnston (Camp Hilf Grammer, Keble and Green), K. Lewis (Elon and Magdalane), D. Jehnston (Long Beach University), at Meschen and St. John's), T. Steelenson (Camp Hilf Grammer, Keble and Green), K. Lewis (Elon and Magdalane), D. Jehnston (Long Beach University), at Meschen and St. Catherine's). "We thought the figure they were asking was out of proper-tion to the amount of coverage we could give the event and the reasons for covering it."

arods Increasing friction over news access

Over the past year there has been increasing friction between the BBC and ITV over news access to British foo With the BBC having bought up the rights to the FA Cap and ITV having purchased rights to League matches, both broadcasters have proved exceedingly edgy about letting each other have news reports

of their "property." Although the debate over selling television sports rights to the highest bidder is still in the balance, David Mellor, the Home Office minister responsible for broadcasting, would be wise to confirm his growing reputation as a minister prepared to act on reason

benefit all sports and create pions for the future, there is a world of difference between buying up ball-by-ball cover

McCarthy is ready to sign for Millwall By Dennis Signy

Mick McCarthy, the Republic

of Ireland international central defender, is set to become Bob Pearson's first signing as Millwall manager today in a £500,000 transfer from Olympique Lyon, the French

McCarthy, aged 31, was in the Republic side that beat England in the 1988 European championship. He has cap-tained the national side and gained 38 caps.

The 6ft 1in tall McCarthy was born in Barnsley and spent seven seasons with his home-town club, after joining as an apprentice. He moved to Manchester City for four seasons and then followed Billy McNeill, when he moved to Celtic in May 1987, in a £500,000 transfer.

After two seasons at Parkhead, he joined Lyon eight months ago, again for £500,000, and made his debut against a Marseilles side that included Chris Waddle.

The Football Association does not plan an inquiry into Gary Crosby's cheeky goal against Manchester City on Saturday. "There appears to be nothing in the laws of the game which rule out the goal. It wasn't dangerous play, for example, so we will not be taking the matter further," the FA spokesman, David Bloom-

Crosby headed the ball off the open paim of goalkeeper Andy Dibble's hand as he prepared to clear, and the referee, Roger Gifford, allowed the goal to stand when

he then turned it into the net. AFC Bournemouth, of the second division, expect to sign the midfield player, Ian Woan, aged 22, for £60,000 today from Runcorn, of the GM Vauxhall Conference.

Sheffield United sold for £20m Arabian dream

Sheffield United is the latest sell Sheffield United mer-British company, and the first chandise over there, to make that the shares must come football club, to pass into Middle Eastern hands. The present chairman, Reg sell videos. And we have great Brealey, announced at Bramall Lane yesterday that he is selling his majority invite overseas teams." shareholding in the second division club to Sam Hashimi, a property developer and managing director of Anglo-

Arab Investments The shares are to be purchased through Barnacle Holdings, a Jersey-based company owned by a trust, with a parent company in Saudi Arahia. Hashimi is the trust's nominee and Barnacle's

It is expected to purchase 51 per cent of Brealey's shares, leaving him holding 11 per cent. No figures were forthcoming yesterday but Breaky said it will also cover most of the club's estimated £3 million debt, putting the total outlay at around £5 million. Breaky believes it is a bargain, insisting that once the debts are cleared and the deal done, the club will be "worth £20

"Our aim is to take the club into the first division, where it belongs," Hashimi said yes-

deals with television stations to transmit live games and to plans to turn Bramall Lane into an international arena where we can be proud to

United will play a series of games at home and away against Middle Eastern teams. Egypt, one of England's group opponents in the World Cun finals in Italy this summer, have requested a fixture in May, when they will be in England. "They want association

with British football, they want British coaches out there, they want school trips arranged and the club is going to organize these things," Brealey said. "That is their spin-off rather than a financial return on the investment.

"We're on the brink of a new dimension, the first division," he added. "We can't go on expecting Dave Bassett to find players for £35,000 and turn them into £1 million players, we have got to have money was coming from. more financial strength, and than waiting until we get into

the rest of the directors was Hashimi withdraws," Paul Woolhouse, the club's second largest shareholder, said. "It is important that we are not kissing those shares goodbye."

For the moment, Brealey remains as chairman. Hashimi, aged 32, a former forward and captain of Baghdad University team, will initially become vice-chairman, the two swapping posit-ions when the arrangements are finalized, probably in

These arrangements in-evitably evoked echoes of Michael Knighton's abortive takeover attempt at Manchester United. Further echoes resounded as Hashimi confessed that he had first been alerted to the possibility of buying a football club by events at Old Trafford, and indeed had enquired about the price of Manchester United before settling on Sheffield, and when be refused to divulge details of where the

"We are well connected in the time was right to find more the Middle East," Hashimi financial muscle now rather admitted, "but the people out there want their privacy to be



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night saw the Brabham For-

on Sunday. On Friday it was announced

The situation seemed to be decided, but it then changed with, it is believed, Middlebridge's insistence that they wanted to be present at all 16

row before the negotiations

Meanwhile, three Brabham them to Arizona.

It could be that the change in plans was forced on Brabham by the rule which insists that a team must take part in all of the grands prix if it is to compete in the world championship. The only letout is a force majeure, but this would not seem to apply in this case,

The Onyx team denied yesterday that any move to merge with Brabham was being considered at the moment. A member of the team confirmed that they will compete in Phoenix and Brazil and said that the new package will be revealed before the San Marino Grand Prix at Imola

winners in the senior world to a Blue in 1989, achieves his By a Special Correspondent

Paddy Mant, the Cambridge president, began the official build up to the 1990 Boat Race, which will be contest on March 31, when he issued the Challenge to his Oxford counterpart, Johnny Searle, on The Terrace at the House of Commons yesterday

The Dennis Howell and the Minister for Sport, Colin Moynihan, himself a former Oxford coxswain, were in attendance and, with the Beefeater Gin Trophy on display, the presidents named their

The Oxford line-up is impressive and well tested, so full of talent that two winning Blues, Richard Thorp and Cal Maclennan, are named in the reserve boat. Johnny Searle, Rupert Obholzer and Matthew Pinsent were all medal

Tiring for

England

The England cricket team's

practice session was cancelled

vesterday following a 24-hour

journey to cover the 1,500

miles between Jamaica and

Guyana. The players, who travelled with the West Indies

team, were exhausted by the

trip, which involved stops at

Puerto Rico, Antigua, Bar-

West Indies might recall

Curtly Ambrose, who missed

Hank Gathers

Hank Gathers, the the highest

scorer in American college

basketball in 1989, collapsed

and died on the court during a

tournament on Sunday night.

Doctors said he died of a heart

bados and Trinidad.

the start of the series

championships last autumn and the American, Mike Gaffney, Searle and Richard Hull are all Blues, Hull occupies the same five seat that he eventually took over in the 1987 "Mutiny" year.

Tom Slocock, Chris Heathcote and coxswain, Martin Watts, all served their apprenticeship in the winning Isis crew last year. The final seat has gone to an American, Don Miller, finally preferred to a fellow-American, Dan

Cambridge have two Blues at their disposal, the president, Paddy Mant, and Guy Pooley. The former Goldie oarsmen, Richard Young, Duncan Hole and Richard Staite together with the coxswain, Lisa Ross-Magenty, had moved up to first crew status and Ed Clarke, so near

The vital stern pair of Steve Fowler and Adam Wright are both new to boat race activity and were both in the freshman eight in Cambridge's pre-Christmas trials. Cambridge's international record does not match that of Oxford.

The revealed Oxford lineup is traditionally in its seating pattern and is the same crew and order which beat Cambridge at Reading last Saturday, although Gaffney might well be tried in the stroke seat this week.

Cambridge, rowing in a German-built Empacher craft used in last year's race, have been using an unconventional rig in the past month.

CAMBRIDGE: Bow, R Young (Bedford and Downing), E Cleate (Shrawsbury and Trinity), "P Mean (Chellenham and Selvyn), R Stalte (Prince Henry's Evestam and St Catherine's), D Hote (Posters Grammer and Selvyn), G Pooley

Hamlet woes Dulwich Hamlet's Champion Hill ground, once the finest in amateur football, has been closed down by the local will play their next home league fixtures at Fisher

authority. The club, from the Vauxhall League premier di-vision, have had their safety certificate withdrawn by Southwark Council. Dalwich

> Extra slalom An extra giant slalom race has been scheduled into the women's skiing World Cup calendar at the Norwegian resort of Stranda on Saturday to replace the race in

Candanchu, Spain, last week.

A Great Britain women's hockey team will make a fourweek tour to New Zealand and Australia in October.

Eye operation might force Pyatt abroad

pam and Lagraer and New Hall).

OXFORD: Bow, T Shocock (Shrewsbury and St John's), "M Gethery US Naval Academy and Herdord), D Miller (State University), M Pleaser (Eton and St Catherine's), "R Hall (Robinson, Cambridge and Oriel), C Heethcote (All Hellows HMC and Jesus), "J Seate (Hampton and Christ Church), stroke, R Obsidzer (Hampton and St Catherine's), cox, M Weste (Westminsterand Oriel).

Chris Pyatt, the former European and British light-middleweight champion, has at last secured a world title bout, but could ban the bout in Britain. The board has consistently been against boxers returning

Frank Warren, the London

mer Polish

terday, promising that money would be available for Dave protected, so I cannot give you the first division." any names." The sale received the bless-Bassett, the manager, if it was required, but he was also ing of the other five directors It is an open secret that quick to admit that the Middle Eastern dimension was going Hashimi's London company at a heated board meeting yesterday morning. The rest of is a subsidiary of a bid Saudi Arabian company, with the multi-millionaire mayor of Jeddah, Sbeik Abdul to be important in the future. the hoard extracted safeguards, which Hashimi con-firmed he was happy to "We will have access to one million potential supporters in the Middle East and there Momenah, heavily linked to concede Desert song: Bassett, the Sheffield United manager, initiates Hashimi into the circle "One point of concern for the purchese. will be a great opportunity to Oxford are buoyant with talent **Brabham**

By a Special Correspondent A dramatic turnaround last mula One motor racing team planning desperately to get their cars to Phoenix for the season's opening grand prix

that they were being bailed out by Middlebridge, a Japanese corporation, but that they would not be at Phoenix or the Brazilian Grand Prix a fort-

Meetings took place throughout the weekend and were still in progress last night. A member of the team said it might be today or even tomor-

cars and equipment left the team's beadquarters at Chessington, and a search was started to find a plane to fly

SPORT IN BRIEF

Jackson: Cosford starter

Back in action

Colin Jackson, the Common-

wealth 110m hurdles cham-

pion, makes his first indoor'

appearance of the season in

the 60m hurdles at the nat-

ional championships at

Hockey tour

he may be denied home advantage by a British Boxing Board of Control ruling Pyatt is to challenge Julian Jackson, of the United States, the World Boxing Association champion, in May but as Jackson has had a retina operation, the British board to the ring after retina operations.

promoter, has agreed terms with Don King Promotions for the champion to defend at Leicester, or London Arena

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argument and step in to safe-

guard news access for tele-vision companies. While selling off television sports rights to the Fighest bidder would undoubtedly improved facilities and chaptage of a Test or the FA CP Final — and preventing coverage of a prestice occasion